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Flickering signal highlights BR 'skill shortage'



Maurice Holmes: If anything needs to be nician in a similar grade.

Lower down the grading structure a BR assistant technician is on a done immediately.

A skills shortage which is crippling British Rail has been highlighted by the Clapham Junction disaster, which killed 33 people.

As British Rail began its own inquiry into the triple train crash yesterday, senior trade union leaders said the company must regret the controversial pay package they im-posed oo 5,000 engineers responsible for maintenance of telecommunication and signals equipment. The inquiry is expected to find that BR staff, called out on the night before the tragedy, failed to locate the signal fault which is being blamed for the crash.

Union leaders believe the package did nothing to alleviate low morale and did not go far enough to meet the discrepancies between the basic salary of a BR technician at £8,661 a year compared with the £11,158 salary of a British Telecom tech-

salary of £5,443 compared with the and retain staff." The management

equivalent BT salary of £8,189. One of British Rail's arguments defending its lower salary structures is that pay is heavily boosted by overtime, but unioos refuse to accept this claiming that longer working hours can themselves be a danger factor.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The retention of key staff is now reaching

Mr Anthony Hidden QC, the leader of the South Eastern circuit and a Crown Court recorder since 1977, is expected to be appointed today to chair the public inquiry into the rail disaster. Mr Roger Henderson QC is expected to appear for British

Victims named

crisis proportions in many parts of the country. BR has to tackle the fundamental problem of uncompetitive basic rates of pay and long hnurs if we are 10 cootinue to recruit

believed it was doing that in in a letter to Mrs Thatcher. "The introducing allowances for nearly 20,000 staff who work shifts and who already qualified for irregular and unsocial hours payments.

Mr Neil Milligan, the general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, has welcomed proposals to iocrease the London area allowance by £10 a week for train drivers and £1,200 a year for signal and telecommunications staff. He said, how-ever, that the "belated effort to recruit and retain staff" will not solve the crisis immediately.

"Unfortunately it will be a long time before British Rail have the essentially skilled staff, drivers, signal and telegraph staff, all trained and operational."

Labour leaders backed the unions yesterday with Mr Neil Kinnock calling for a £210 millioo injection hy the Government for changes designed to reduce overcrowding on Inter-City and Network South-East. Large oumbers of passengers packed into carriages would make any crash "particularly devastating", he said question of what the Government is doing to reduce overcrowding oo commuter trains is given a suddeo and horrific urgency by Monday's appalling accident," he wrote.

He also called for action to ease the "chronic staff shortages" afflicting BR, which was short of 7,500 workers throughout Britain. "When there is such widespread concern, when the problems are so clearly identified and the remedies so urgently needed, I hope you will agree that investment in improvemeot and in staff must be made as a matter of priority," he told the

At the same time Mr John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, urged that the Clapham inquiry should look into the financing of British Rail.

In a letter to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, he wrote: "I am concerned that the public inquiry ... should cover all aspects of passenger safety oo Network South-East. This would include financing, staffing levels, the congestion and whether the overall responsibility for safety on the railways should be transferred from the Department of Transport to an independent body."

Among the first witnesses at yesterday's British Rail inquiry was Mr Alex McClymoot, the driver who had stopped to use a trackside telephone to report a signal fault when a crowded express ploughed into the back of his stationary train.

The inquiry panel, headed by Mr Maurice Holmes, BR's safety director, will questioo train crews about signals and braking. "If the inquiry reveals that anything urgent needs to be done, it will be done immediately," said a BR

A message of sympathy and coodolences was sent to Mrs Thatcher yesterday by President Gorbachov. Amid the tragedy of the Armenia earthquake, he said: "We are taking particularly close to our hearts the pain and suffering of others and feeling acutely the significance of human solidarity.

ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

Shooting the war



 On September 3, 1939, at 11am, Britain declared war on Germany. Next year is the 50th anniversary of that momentous event, and the film and television industries do not intend to let it go unmarked.

 In Hollywood, Robert Mitchum and a cast of thousands are making War and Remembrance. In Britain countless productions are in hand, each requiring not only an accurate script but also authentic uniforms, vehicles and firearms. How do they get them? On Saturday, in colour, The Times looks at the preparations for war.

Plus . . .

 Keeping up the castle: how does the aristocracy feel about Nicholas Ridley?

In search of Santa: The Times scours Scandinavia for the real Father Christmas.

 On other pages: Clive Davis on Nat King Cole; Bryan Appleyard on Cyprus; Jonathan Meades on restaurants; Jane MacQuitty on wine; Frances Bissell, The Tiansa Cook, and Deyan Sudjic on the perfect cup of coffee.

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● Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was shared between three winners (see page 3). Today's Portfolio Accumulator stands at £52,000. Prices: page 29

Blunt speaking by ministers at stormy six-hour Belfast meeting

Angry King attacks Irish on extradition

decision were "regrettably offensive"

Ministers continued their attack on the Irish Government over its refusal to extradite Father Patrick Ryan
 Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, formally requested Dublin to review its extradition law

• Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney • Irish ministers maintained that the General, said the reasons given for the case involving Father Ryan was unique and would not be repeated

By Robin Oakley, Richard Ford and Jamie Dettmer

fusal to extradite Father Patrick Ryan yesterday, and called for changes in Ireland's extradition

In the Commons, Sir

Policemen shot in post raid

By Stewart Tendler and Robin Young

Two London policemen and two armed robbers were wounded last night in an exchange of shots when Flying Squad detectives challenged a gang raiding a west London sub post office.

The shooting took place after Flying Squad officers investigating a series of robberies in west London, took up positions round a sub post office in Old Oak Common Lane, Acton. Just after 5pm five men arrived and launched the raid.

The staff sounded the alarm and police confronted the raiders. A flurry of shots rang out in the street leaving a detective-sergeant and a detective-constable wounded.

One of the wounded police-

men was shot in the buttocks and the second received a wound to his left hand. The two armed robbers were not said to be seriously wounded. Detectives were last night searching for a fifth member of the gang who escaped.

Cricket crisis

English cricket was plunged into a new political crisis when Pakistan announced its withdrawal from a one-day international series in New Zealand because of the South African connections of some England players Page 42

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British ministers kept up Patrick Mayhew, the a barrage of criticism of Attorney General, said. the Irish authorities' re- the reasons given for the decision by Mr John Murray, his Irish counterpart, were "regrettably

> Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, spent much of a six-hour meeting in Belfast with Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish for-eign minister, and Mr Gerry Collins, the justice minister,

Parliament

operate.

pected to report to the Cabinet next week. If he advises against a trial in Ireland, the the embarrassment of having

ing the case.

British ministers hit back yesterday by suggesting that witnesses would oot be safe if for evidence to be sent to Dublin, but British ministers

They are worried about the safety of witnesses and are sceptical of the chances of a successful prosecution in Ireland. Once tried there, a re-trial in Britain would oot be

possible. Sir Patrick is mulling over the possibilities and is ex-British Government may face to refuse to provide evidence. Sir Patrick asked MPs in the Commons to think of their reaction if a witness were

injury while in the Republic.

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A crucial discovery by researchers in

genetic engineering at the National Institute for Medical Research, at Mill

Hill, in north London, means that a

cure for the main inherited blood

disorders, such as haemophilia. should be possible within five years.

The discovery, in the most controversial area of medical re-

search, gene relacement therapy, will

allow genes made artificially in the

laboratory to be inserted into humans

to correct inherited illnesses.

objecting to what he called "a quite unacceptable decisioo". He formally requested the Irish ministers to review their extraditioo law. They are understood to have replied that the Ryan affair was unique and would not be repeated.

The request for extraditioo was rejected on the grounds that Father Ryan would not receive a fair trial in Britain because of publicity surround-

the priest, facing terrorism charges, were tried in Ireland. Mr Murray has said that there is a serious case against Father Ryan that should be tested io the courts. Sir Patrick is considering an Irish request

remain reluctant to co-

"What might be said and how would we all feel, were there to be serious injury sustained or a death of a witness sent down there?

He said the decision against extradition placed an obstacle in the way of an effective fight against terrorism.

To loud Conservative cheers, he said: "I find this outcome extremely disgiveo for it regrettably offensive."

Whitehall sources insisted vehemently yesterday that under the Irish Extraditioo Amendment Act, 1987, there was oo occessity for Mr Murray to satisfy himself about the fairness of trials in Britain. The Act required only an intentioo to prosecute and sufficient evidence to do so. Mr Murray had expressed himself satisfied on both those

Mr King told Mr Lenihan yesterday that the grounds given by Mr Murray for refusing extradition raised a "significant new problem" in addition to present difficulties in Irish extraditioo

procedures. Mr Lenihan assured Mr King that the Father Ryan decision had arisen "only because of unique circum-stances". He emphasized that it would not set a precedent.

Mr Lenihan urged the British Government to make greater use of Irish extraterritorial legislation, under which IRA suspects can be prosecuted in Irish courts for offences committed in Britain. Mr King was careful at a

tect the Anglo-Irish Agreement from the present • The Belfast conference yesterday, under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, also discussed the promotion of

confidence in the judicial system in Northern Ireland. The Irish delegation emphasized the need for good relations between the security killed or sustained serious forces and the nationalist



Mr King, left, and Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, centre, greeting Mr Collins and Mr Lenihan.

£500,000 campaign to save the egg

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent A £500,000 advertising cam- State for Health.

paign funded by the Governmeot will be launched tomor-row to restore public confidence io the safety of that most egg production was

eating eggs.

The advertisement, issued Continued on page 24, col 1 jointly by the Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will be carried for three days io national daily and Sunday newspapers, and in leading regional newspapers. It is based oo advice from the press conference later to pro-Government's Chief Medical

Officer, Sir Donald Acheson. But there were few signs that the wording, agreed after the best part of three days of fractious negotiations between the two departments and involving the Prime Minister, will satisfy farmers facing financial ruin or Conservative MPs representing rural seats, who have hlamed the salmonella scare on Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary of

pull-out by Israelis By Philip Jacobson in Geneva and Andrew McEwen in London Dr David Clark, Labour's

that most egg production was



General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, yesterday urged Is-rael to face up to its eventual need to pull out from the occupied territories.

US urges

Io a speech which implicitly marked out the limits of Washingtoo's support for Pressure on US... Peres switch..... Jerusalem, he told the UN

special session io Geneva:
For Israel, the choice is clear, albeit difficult. In order to achieve the security it deserves and requires, Israel must face up to the need for withdrawal from the occupied territories and to the need to accommodate legitimate Palestinian political rights." Continued on page 24, col 6

Genetic engineering offers cure for haemophilia

While bone-marrow implants

The American experiment was intended as a "dry run" in which the replacement gene would have had no therapeutic value but was to serve as a test marker in special cells that researchers had found to be effective



This cutlery book has taken 86 years to write

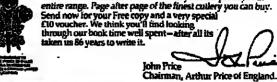


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Giving details of the research vesterday, Dr Dai Rees, secretary of the Medical Research Council, said the treatment would apply to most defects. Haemophilia, the most prevalent inherited defect to Britain, affects cells which is also essential for 5,000 people, but other life-threatening cooditions involving abnormal blood cells, such as thalassaemia and sickle-cell anaemia, affect hundreds of thousands of people world-wide.

The breakthrough made hy a team working with Dr Fraok Grosveld. should allow these conditions to be corrected by toserting the appropriate purified artificial geoc into the bone marrow, where blood is made. After years of research, the discov-

ery came eventually from the study of just one thalassaemia sufferer. Children who inherit the condition have severe anaemia because they can not make blood correctly. The abnormality appears in haemoglobin,

the colouring substance in red blood

carrying oxygen to the body. Dr Grosveld's group traced the

basic fault to part of the haemoglobin molecule, the globin, or protein part. Using the latest advances in genetic engineering, they isolated from healthy cells the gene that controlled the production of globin, then devised a method to make copies of the pure gene. The artificially produced genes were inserted into mice, which thereupon produced pure human globio in their red blood cells.

The scientists found that artificially produced genes would manufacture healthy glohin oo matter where they were inserted in the genetic material of mice. The discovery of this "pos-ition independence" when transplanting genes is the advance that is crucial for gene therapy.

should be technically possible in three to five years, there were ethical issues to be resolved, Dr Rees said. A week ago, the United States Government refused permission for an experiment by Dr W. French Anderson, head of haematology at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which would have put the first artificial gene into bumans.

A senior City figure, a young banking high-flyer and a legal secretary were among the morning commuters who were killed in the train crash

near Clapham Junction. The list of the dead was issued yesterday as work colleagues, friends and relatives spoke of the last moments they had seen them

Those killed included Alan Wren, aged 55, an executive director of the Standard Chartered Bank in Bishopsgate, London, who was also an advisor to the Ministry of Trade. Mr Wren, described by colleagues as "an extraor-dinarily pleasant and capable guy" had risen over 33 years' service to become responsible for the bank's commerical banking operations in Europe. Africa, the Middle East and southern Asia.

On Monday he joined the train from Bournemouth after spendiog the weekeod with his wife Heather at their Dorset home. He leaves three sons.

The theatre lost one of its most accomplished technicians. Mike Newman, aged 52 from Parkstone, Bournemouth, dubbed the "man who brought the West End in light", was responsible for many spectacular designs on hoardings in front of dozens of West End theatres, including the musicals Phantom of the Opera, Singing in the Rain and Cats. They were acknowledged as the best in the country in his field.

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber fied by his wife Winifred, who

City banker and

theatre technician

among the dead

By Andrew Moger, Mark Souster and Andrew Biller

the Really Useful Group was atives at their home in very shocked to hear of the death of Michael. His abilities

One of the will be greatly missed by us

One of the Civil Servants whn died was Christopher Southampton. She worked as Molesworth, aged 37, who had a secretary in the legal departwanted to get to work early for an important meeting. He normally caught a later train. He leaves a wife, Annette, aged 31, and two children.

Stephen Loader, aged 34, another victim, was a person-nel manager with the Midland Bank, where colleagues yes-terday said he had a highly promising career.

He lived in Southampton with his wife Gillian, aged 31, and their two children aged six and three. Mr Loader, an Southampton, Hampshire, Oxford graduate, always sat in lost her husband Glenn, a the front of the London- computer contractor. bound express, which he boarded in Winchester.

number of commuters who formed their own club on the London train. He was identi- his death was confirmed.

One of the women to die was Jane Aubin, aged 26, who had made the journey after a weekend visit to her family in ment for Shell in London. William Webb, aged 39, a

finance controller for a leading London company, died after setting off from Brockenhurst station. Despite the tragedy his wife Naila a chartered accountant, went ahead at their home in Sandy Down, near Brockenhurst, with their nine-year-old daughter's hirthday party on Tuesday. Christine Clark, aged 37, frnm West End, near

David Moore, aged 45, a marketing business analyst, Everett Lindsay, another from Ashurst near Southamp-Civil Servant, was one of a ton, was another victim. His wife Joan and daughter Susan had to wait for 30 hours before

John Rolls, aged 54, the was being comforted by rel- driver of the Bournemouth to

served on British Railways for more than 30 years. Mr John Curley, Southampton area manager for British Railways said that Mr Rolls, of Ashridge Gardens, Bournemouth, "was one of the best drivers we had

at Bournemouth".

The 13 victims of the Clapham rail crash who have been positively identified were

named by police as:
Romano, Falcini, 51, nf
Brabourne Avenue, Wimborne, Dorset: Michelle Boyce, 46, of Burbeck Heights, Mouot Road, Lower Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, Everett Lindsay, 50, of Bourne Valley Road, Branksome, Poole; Theresa Moore, 28, of Claremont Avenue, Bournemnuth, Dorset, Arthur Creech, 48, of Beechway, Basingstoke, Hamp-shire; John Barratt, 35, of Clerkenwell Road, Clerkenwell.

Errol Taylor, 41, of Cherry Errol Taylor, 41, of Cherry Hill Grove, Poole; Norman Dalrymple, nf Orpen Road, Shnling, Southampton; William Webb, 39, of Lower Sandy Down Lane, Bnulder, Lymington, Hampshire; Steven Loader, 32, nf Randle Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire; Christopher Molesworth, 37, of Battery Road North, Winchester, Hampshire; Glen Clarke, 32, of Hampshire; Glen Clarke, 32, of Sandrey Road North, Winchester, tery Road North, Winchester, Hampshire, Glen Clarke, 32, of Beacon Road, West End, Southampton; and Alma Smith, of Torrey of Torney Grove, North Baddesley, Southampton. The other 20 victims have are

The other 20 victims have are believed to be named as fullows: Edna Hannibal, Beverly Niven, Geoffrey Hartwell, Jane Aubin, Alison McGregor, Clive Attheld, David Thnmas, James Beasant, Gillian Allen, Paul Hadfield, Paul Perry-Lewis, Joseph Martin, Michael Newman, Stephen Hnpkins, David Moore, Tracey Stevens, Timothy Burgess, Alan Wren, Brian Dennison and John Rolls.





Mrs Christine Clark, with her husband Glenn who died (top); Alan Wren (above left) a director of the Standard Chartered Bank, and Michael Newman, a theatre designer.

Widows complain over emergency hotlines'

By Tony Dawe

Widows of victims of the husband David was aboard Clapham rail crash complained yesterday about diffi- train, said she rang the emerculties getting through to the emergency telephone numbers opened to provide information about casualties. One said it took 30 hours to obtain confirmation of her husband's

had to wait 12 hours. Their complaints echoed London were told 30 hours those which followed the after the crash that he had Zeebrugge ferry tragedy and indicated that nothing has been achieved to improve the handling of inquiries in an

death and another said she

Mrs Joan Moore, whose hear of his death.

the Bournemouth express gency "hotline" number hundreds of times but it was constantly engaged.

She finally got through nearly eight hours after the crash only to be told that there was no news of Mr Moore. His colleagues at Shell UK in been killed.

Mrs Gillian Loader, from Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, whose husband Stephen died, said it took her 12 hours to

Damages to exceed total for **Tube fire**

By Staff Reporters

Total compensation south for victims of the Clapham Junction disaster and their families is likely to be many times greater than the total of awards arising out of the King's Cross fire.

A key factor in the size of payments will be the high number of family bread. winners who died or were injured on the trains

British Rail could face a £10 million compensation bill. Among the high earners who died at Clapham were Mr Michael Newman, aged 52, the West End theatre set designer, Mr Bill Webb, aged 39, a finance controller, and Alan Wren, an executive of Standard Chartered Bank

Compensation for dependants will vary enormously depending on income, age and family circumstances: • The widow of a man aged

28 with two young children who was earning £100,000 a year is likely to receive £1,096,000 compensation

• The widow of a man aged 40 with two children earning £30,000 might receive £185,000

The widow of a man aged 52 with two teenage children earning £20,000 should receive £100,000 • The widow of an un-

employed man aged 60, who was receiving supplementary benefit before his death, could expect no more than £3,500. Mr Ian Walker, a solicitor

who has been asked to act for at least two families, said: "It is a bit difficult to put a precise figure on the compensation for individual victims which we shall be seeking".

He said he was hopeful after British Rail's swift acceptance of responsibility for Monday's crash that negotiations could secure larger bereavement amounts than the £7,500 paid after King's Cross and also a much higher level for damages.

One feature of the lawyers' negotiations with British Rail would be whether passengers had died because carriages were over-full. He said: "It may be relevant if it can be shown that people would not have died if the train had been

The man guiding the victims back to health

By Paul Vallely

In largely subdued wards, a team led by Dr Tom Burns, consultant liaison psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London, made their first approach yesterday to some of the 39 victims of the Clapham

For those who are marked, Dr Burns said it was crucial to help them to come to terms with their injuries. "People are incredibly varied and the extent to which physical injury is seen as a loss varies enormously,

"It will be dealt with by comforting and sharing and getting the patients to

In Sweden, he said, the "Superman Syndrome" had been coined for fire

Dr Burns, aged 42, and his team will also be offering help, if needed, to the emergency services.

to cope with all emotions. Even they

Until last Monday, Dr Burns had been largely involved with counselling victims of car crashes. The Clapham disaster was the biggest incident he will have handled.

His unit became involved in St George's Emergency Plan, which came into force only last week, and he said he was surprised at how well staff had coped, "I had anticipated that they would be far more fraught." Six social workers will be available

to patients on the wards and Dr Burns and three fellow psychiatrists - Dr Sheila Hollins, Dr Bill Travers, and Dr Hook - hope to see all patients either prior to discharge or if the nursing staff asks for them.

Dr Deborah Hutchinson will be available specifically to Emanuel

fighters thinking they should be able School, in Wandsworth, close to the scene of the crash. Some boys saw the collision and even helped survivors and may suffer delayed reactions. The Clapham victims differ from

those in the tragedies at Zeebrugge and King's Cross in that they are from a relatively confined area. Dr Burns is liaising with the Social Services department of Wandsworth Borough Council to establish a hotline (01-871-7990) so victims can contact the hospital or be put in touch with local support groups.

Those discharged this week were given a psychiatric assessment to make sure they are "in balance". Dr Burns said: "The effects could go on for a very long time - people at King's Cross still experience symptoms - for others it could be over it in a matter of

Those suffering, Dr Burns said,

"We find that talking it over is probably the most important factor with us listening and sharing

should talk to a counsellor. That could

include the hundreds of commuters

from Bournemouth and Basingstoke

who escaped injury in the accident.

"We strongly advise against bot-tling up emotions."

He added: "As for travelling by rail again, all of those leaving have said

they would have to go right back on

the railways because their jobs and

lives depend upon it. Our advice to

our patients will be to keep their lives

For those with more serious phys-

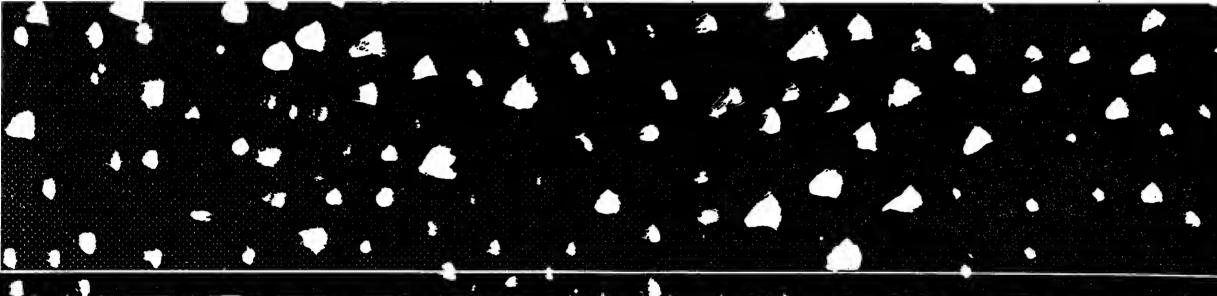
ical injuries, Dr Burns said: "Imagine

that people are going off to work and

suddenly they are nearly dead and

have to come to terms with their

as normal as possible."



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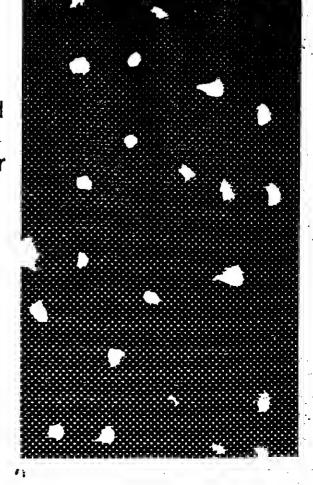
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Chemist struck off roll for steroid deal with bodybuilders

A pharmacist who sold anabolic steroids to professional bodybuilders and gymnasium owners became the first chemist in Britain to be struck off the register of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for the offence yesterday.

Mr Halil Ozdemir, aged 33, who runs Woodside Pharmacy in Leytonstone High Street, east London, is said to have sold the drugs to buy the

freehold on his property.
Judge Edward Sutcliffe, QC,
chairman of the society's disciplinary statutory com-mittee, said Mr Ozdemir had not accounted satisfactorily for at least 34 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and at least 187 vials of Somatonorm injections.

"He was supplying Ana-poloo and Somatonorm without prescription to professional bodybuilders and gymnasium owners; he did so knowing they were not oo prescription; he did so knowing they possessed dangerous characteristics and be did so without great profit because it was convenient and easy cash", be said.

"Mr Ozdemir ... has let down pharmacy and the good name of the profession. He is guilty of such misconduct to recder him unfit to be on the

Mr Ozdemir, a Turkish

professional misconduct, but that some drugs might have claimed he sent drugs to a hospital in the Turkish zone of help of a doctor who wrote Cyprus for children with out a prescription on behalf of growth deficiencies.

However, he had admitted bodybuilders and gym owners year, during a 16-mooth in-at Tilbury, Essex, Stratford vestigation into alleged illegal and Leytonstone, east drug supplies. London, and to a man in sold steroids to an American

signed photograph. Mr Michael Sullivan, counsel for the society, branded Mr Ozdemir a "drug-pedlar" and added that the case was particularly grave because he was in a position of trust in relation to dispensing drugs.

Mr Jonathan Fisher, representing Mr Ozdemir, said: "The question is whether Ozdemir is a pediar of anabolic stemids in the same way that David Jenkins is, albeit on a smaller scale, because if so, it is a very grave charge and it is a destruction of everything for which he has worked since be left Turkish Cyprus."

Jenkins, a former British athlete and Olympic sprinter, was sentenced to seven years' jail this week by a court in California for his part in a racket to supply steroids.

The committee, comprising this way.

the hospital Society inspectors visited to inspectors selling drugs to the pharmacy in October last vestigatioo into alleged illegal

been sent to Cyprus with the

They found a discrepancy Croydon, Surrey, for only a in the quantity of anabolic few pounds profit. He said he steroids bought from wholesalers and the amount registered as sold.

athlete who had given him a No loss of stock was recorded. Mr Ozdemir is said to have told them the drugs had been sold on prescription to gym owners for several months even though there were no forms to confirm the transactions.

Mr Ozdemir came to Britain as a child and trained as a pharmacist at Leicester Polytechnic. He has run his business for the past six years and has three months in which to appeal.

He refused to comment oo the verdict, only saying he intended to appeal

After the hearing, Mr Alan Davidson, deputy head of the society's law department, said:
"This is the first case of its kind. It is very unfortunate that a pharmacist had to be brought before the society in

Church service changes

Male terms may be dropped

By Robin Young

A discussion document released by the Church of England's liturgical commission is suggesting that the phraseology of the Alternative Service Book might be amended to get rid of male terms which are meant to include women.

The report, which bas been prepared for the General Synod next February, says, for example, that in some places where the service mentions "mankind" the word could be replaced with "the world"; that "men" night become "people"; and "man" be re-

It is adamant, however, that changes in the application of male pronouns and possessive adjectives in relation to God are oot appropriate. The reBook and makes no suggestions for adaptation of the text of the Book of Commoo Prayer to meet feminist objections to "inclusive language".

Nor is there yet any formal proposal to authorize the alternative texts suggested in the report at this stage. If the House of Bishops did sanction the changes they could be used optionally, but would not be

The Right Rev Colin James, Bishop of Winchester and chairman of the commssion, said yesterday: "We are oot proposing the total climinatioo of male terms used to include women. This is thought to be neither practicable nor desirable. But we are of the opinion that the from January 16, at £3.50.

in the Alternative Service language of worship needs to Book and makes no sugges- be adapted to allow for chang-

The report notes that m some places clergy have al-ready been making their own adaptations to the text of their services, under a freedom given by Canon B5 for a minister to make variations. which are not of "substantial importance".

However, it says: "Not everyone would regard some of the changes being made as not being of substantial importance, particularly when some people make changes in the application of male pronouns and possessive adjec-tives in relation to God".

Making Women Visible will be available in bookshops

Planning hitch for TV dishes

By Richard Evans Media Editor

Televisioo viewers may not use more than ooe satellite dish unless they obtain plan-ning permission, the Government confirmed yesterday. The clause in the Town and

Country Planning General Development Order, 1977, could have disastrous con-sequences for British Satellite Broadcasting, which plans to launch three new satellite channels seven months after Sky Television and other stations start broadcasting early next year.

Viewers who buy a 60cm dish to rective programmes from the 16-channel Astra satellite will need planning permission if they want to set up a separate dish - known as a "squarial" - to receive BSB programming.
Anyone using a second dish

illegally could be fined of up to £2,000 plus £200 for every day the second dish remains. The Act was updated in October although officials decided to leave the dish clanse unchanged, the Department of the Environment

Some councils in the oorth of England, where bigger dishes may be needed, have prepared strict guidelines on the consent of planning

BSB said last night that the planning rules were a good reason why people should wait and see before rushing to buy

Optical fibre link to America opens

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

The world's first transatlantic munication company, will optical fibre cable, capable of carrying up to 40,000 simultaneous telephone calls between America and the UK and From its starting point in Tuckston Nam Leave the America and the UK and From its starting point in France, opened for business Tuckerton, New Jersey, the

of communication now possible using undersea links. Its

standards. relied on copper as the means of transporting signals across the Atlantic Such cables need protected with steel cladding.

British Telecom, AT&T of the US and France Telecom

signals oo their way.

TAT-8's main cable consists
of just six hair-thin strands of
special glass. Using tiny lasers,
ications Steering Group has

yesterday. cable extends more than 3,500 miles to an ocean-bed branchin telecommunications his-tory, the £220 million TAT-8 France. There it divides to cable will double the amount reach both France and Britain.

To protect against damage by sharks and submarines, the launch also marks the intro- fibre is buried 3ft under the duction of higher service sea floor until the water is more than a third of a mile Previously, engineers have deep. At greater depths, it is

many bundreds of "repeat- are the main coorributors to ers", lying io tens of thousands the project. The cable itself of feet of water, to boost the was supplied by STC's factory

messages are converted into advised against a complete digital pulses of light, which switch to optical fibre-based are squirted down the fibres, communications. In a report The use of such technology, published yesterday, it recomiovented by British scientists mended a flexible policy, at the former research lab- allowing further experi-oratories of STC, the telecom- mentation.

Jail threat to Higgins

Christmas in jail if he fails to Higgins. If he defaults, Mr pay his former wife mainte- Stuart Neale, for Mrs Higgins.

Mr Higgins was given until prison for six weeks, the midnight on Friday to start maximum penalty. court was told yesterday.

Alex Higgins, the snooker clearing arrears of nearly player, was threatened with £15,000 owed to Mrs Lynn nance, Manchester county confirmed he would apply for court was told yesterday.

Confirmed he would apply for Mr Higgins to be sent to

Channel 4 focuses on entertainment By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

Channel 4 is placing a greater gramme has been welcomed by prises a documentary showing emphasis on entertainment in critics for centering on blueits schedules for the new year

and has succeeded in buying two leading series recently haunched in the United States. The station, which has a reputation for showing some of

the US's best comedy series, such as Cheers, The Cosby Show and The Golden Girls, will screen Roseanne on Fridays from late January. ers, Marcy Carsey and Tom Starting on New Year's Day Werner, Roseanne stars the and continuing over the next

collar America at a time when programmes are increasingly opera, The Midsummer Mur-aimed at the affluent middle ringe, and the wartime oratorio

Channel 4 will also show from next mouth the outstand- seasons, the first featuring the ing drama series of the American season, Thirtysomething, Name and The Golden Girls, about a group of college gradu-vill screen Roseanse on Fri-lays from late January, ates still in touch 10 years later and facing the first transact of middle age.

Americaa comedicane two Sondays, Channel 4 will Roseanne Barr.

present a festival to celebrate

the composer at work, a television version of his first opera, The Midsummer Mar-A Child of Our Time.

There will be two big movie new wave of Chipese film-makers and the second an almost complete retrospective of the films of the Soviet director Andrei Tarkovsky. Documentaries include Vin-

tage, a history of drink, $O\pi$ Trial, on the fature of the law and a further instalment of Roseanne Barr.

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Citizen 2000, the yearly surantiesce in the US the pro
Sir Michael Tippett. It comin 1982.

Pinch of courage from a young hero



The Duchess of York praised the bravery and determination of this year's winners of the Children of Courage Awards at Westminster Abbey yesterday.

The Duchess paid tribute to David Pinder, aged four, who is Britain's youngest liver transplant patient. David, from Wawne, near Hull, endured a series of operations while still a baby, before his transplant in America. He went oo a seven-mile sponsored walk for the village ball to thank the people of Humber-side, who belped to pay for his trip.

David's mother, Mrs Susan Pinder, aged 26, said he asked the Duchess for a kiss when she presented him with a medal and scroll. "After she had kissed

him, be said he wanted to go bome with

her and meet Princess Beatrice."
The Duchess commended the prompt action of two schoolboys who grabbed the wheel of their school bus after the driver had a heart attack. Anthony Walters, aged 16, and Simon Marsh, aged 11, from Tredegar, Gwent, steered the hus up a grass verge where it crashed

into the side of a bouse. Anthooy, who was badly cut and spent a mooth io hospital, said: "It didn't feel as though we were doing anything brave at the time. I was just terrified in case we crashed into the bus that was coming in

the opposite direction. Kelly Taylor, aged 11, had her ieft leg ampulated only mooths after both her parents were killed in the Zeebrugge ferry

disaster. She has defied her disability to swim, dance and roller skate. Kelly, from Woolwich, south-east London, wants to be a ourse at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. "Nurses are very kind", she said. "I like

children and I want to look after them." The other 11 winners shared her quiet courage. "I only think I am brave because people keep telling me I am",

The awards, sponsored by Womon's Own, were presented after a carol service io Westminster Abbey attended by local school children. The winners met celebrities including Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic swimming champion, Michael Crawford, the actor, and Mike Smith, the television personality.

Portfolio

Accumulator Mr John Russell will buy a new television with his share of yesterday's Portfolio

innings. Mr Russell, of Tatton Road North, Heaton Moor Stockport, shared the £4,000 prize with Mrs Frances Wiliams of Roding Way. Wickford, Essex, and Mr Bowles of "Paddocks", Gilbert's Drive, Eastdean, Eastbourne.

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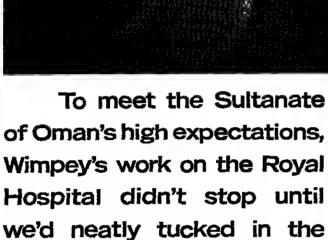
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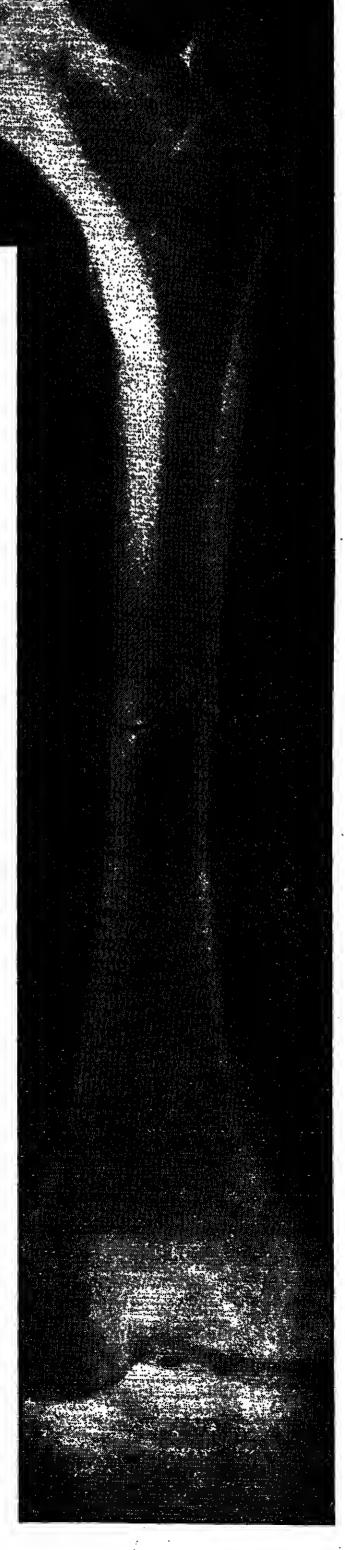
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By Simon Tait

NEWS ROUNDUP

Hurd backing for police at Wapping

brutality during the protests at News International's Wapping plant should not be allowed to obscure the good work done by London police during a difficult and prolonged dispute, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, told Police Federation officials yesterday.

His comments were made in the wake of an announcement earlier this week by the Crown Prosecution Service that a number of officers are to face summonses after an investigation by the Northamptonshire force. A list of between 20 and 30 officers has been drawn up. A decision

on who will be prosecuted is to be made in the next few days. Mr Hurd said he could not comment on the cases, but he shared police concern over the time taken by the myestigation and the distress caused to officers waiting for a conclusion. "I think it right everyone should be reminded of the stresses and strains to which the Metropolitan Police were exposed", Mr Hurd said.

Tighter seat-belt laws

Drivers will be fined for failing to strap children into the backseats of cars fitted with seat belts from next spring. Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, is confident the fine, probably £50, will reduce the number of children injured in car accidents. Sixty were killed and 7,000 injured while travelling unrestrained in the back seats of cars

Duke helps in rescue

The Duke of York took part in the rescue of 18 Vietnamese "boat people" while his ship, HMS Edinburgh, was on her six-month voyage with a Royal Navy force which joined Australia's bicentennial celebrations. Details of the rescue, about 250 miles off the Vietnamese coast in September, emerged yesterday when the ship returned to her home port of Rosyth, Fife, with the duke on board. His return is in time for the christening of Princess Beatrice, his daughter, on

Whitehall pay move

in Civil Service pay, Mr Peter Kemp, the permanent secretary in charge of the Government's new managerial initiative, said yesterday when Her Majesty's Stationery Office was launched as an executive agency. Stationery Office staff are in future to be paid according to performance. Dr Paul Freeman, who takes over in the new year as head of the agency, will be paid a minimum of £45,800 but will be eligible for increases up to £57,000 a year if it performs according to Treasury profit targets.

Holidaymakers hit

Thousands of would-be holidaymakers were told to stay at home yesterday as Spanish air traffic controllers joined the country's 24-hour general strike, halting all flights to Spain and the Canaries. Those who could not be contacted were put up in hotels near their departure airports and all are expected to leave today. At the same time, thousands had an extra day in their resorts. Thomson Holidays said they had managed to contact 90 per cent of the 2,700 passengers who should have left Britain yesterday. Strike details, page 11

Grants for Bradford

Bradford is to receive £56 million in EEC grants and loans to promote the city's economic regeneration, the European Commission announced yesterday. The money will be used to modernise the city's water supply, complete the ring road and provide support for small businesses and training programmes for the unemployed.

Epping poll today Polling takes place today in the Epping Forest by election,

where the Conservatives are defending a 21,513 majority. Mr Steven Nortis is confident of retaining the Conservatives' 15th safest seat, but with a much reduced majority. The by-election was prompted by the death of Sir John Biggs-Davison

General Election: J Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; A Humphris (SDP-Alliance) 10,023; S Murray (Lab) 9,499.

Disastrous lack of stewardship by museums alarms MPs

Priceless collections 'deteriorating'

Political Reporter

An all-party committee of MPs condemned the Government, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum yesterday for their failure to look after priceless national art collections.

The authoritative Commons Public Accounts Committee said that it was "seriously concerned" at the deteriorating state of the collections and that there had been "a major breakdown over many years in the proper stewardship of major national assets". One museum director had admitted that its failure to undertake repairs constituted 'a national disaster".

Mr Robert Sheldon, committee chairman, said the situation was "horrifying" and "alarming". He added: "We are trying to acquire treasures for the nation which are in danger of going overseas but meanwhile parts of the stock that we have are decaying in our vaults".

The committee said the situation had to tackled ur-gently through "a clear and concerted national programme, planned over a number of years and targeted at priority areas, and supported by an appropriate allocation of resources".

It had to be implemented with "unremitting drive and determination . . . to secure the progressive improvements



Sir David Wilson: "financial trouble". the public interest requires".

The report, based on an earlier investigation by the National Audit Office, said many of the seven million objects owned by the two museums were stored in cramped, chaotic, humid and overcrowded conditions. They believed the "major difficulties" faced by the British Museum and the V&A were probably shared by the other national museums and gal-leries. Many individual collections were still deteriorating while the con-dition of others was being "at slowly improved". damage to some of the nat-

The MPs said some of the delays in vital conservation work were "totally unacceptable". It had, for example, taken 128 years before a comprehensive survey of the V&A's National Art Library was carried out in 1985. That had revealed that thousands of valuable books and manuscripts were in urgent need of major repairs.
Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll,

director of the V&A, admitted to the MPs that it was "a national disaster" and "repre-

Mrs Esteve-Coll: "irreparable damage". best contained or only very sented lasting and irreparable

> ional heritage". Some 100,000 items in the V&A's prints and drawings collection likewise required urgent treatment. With present staffing levels it would take 200 years to complete that work. The museums themselves had failed to identify the full

extent of the problems they faced, or the cost or time it would take to deal with them. While the Government's Office of Arts and Libraries argued that there was scope

for allocating funds to meet the most urgent priorities. Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, had told the MPs that they were "in terrible trouble" financially and might have to make further staff cuts in 1989. The V&A

enncerted national programme, the MPs made a number of specific proposals. They said museums had in consider disposing of items. They accepted that reserve collections were important for research and disposals could be regretted by future genera-tions, but continued: "There is no escape from the view that an inexorable rise in the size of the collections places serious demands on limited public funds". The British Museum told the committee it had no intention of reviewing its present policy of non-disposal.

The museums had to be more selective in their acquisitions. Their trustees had to be clear and frank about the big problems they faced in their statuatory reports in Parliament. Computerized inventories of all collections had to be completed to enable proper stocktaking and ensure

Public Accounts Committee: Management of the Collections of the English National Muse-ums and Galleries (Stationery

Maseums are greeting the Public Accounts Committee's criticism of their care of was in a similiar position. Apart from calling for a objects with unofficial but The report is the result of the PAC's consideration of the

National Audit Office report last March which found bad storage, bad conservation and lack of inventory by the Brit-ish Museum and V&A. The same points have been seized upon in the MPs' remarks. They have added that museums should consider disposit "It is very weak of them to suggest that again", Sir Hagh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger and an art dealer

objects were not being lost or

e; £5.10). Leading article, page 17

ditions in this country, private patronage and the giving of works of art to the nation." There is also resentment at the suggestion that the museums — and by association that means all our national reposi-

"First, trustees will just

dispose of the most un-fashionable objects, and that

wil get them no money. Sec-ond, it will do critical damage

to one of the greatest tra-

quisition, said.

tories - have neglected the treasures in their care. There has been insufficient funding for the training of conservators and equipment, Sir Hugh said. There was a backlog from the Second World War in some

The MPs' call for more selectivity in acquisition is likely to receive a hollow laugh in national galleries whose purchase grants have been virutally frozen for the past three years. In a survey published earlier this year, the Museums and Galleries Com-mission criticized the Government for not supporting the Museums more and came out heavily against the disposal of objects. "Disposal is not going to solve any of the proble are talking about in the PAC report", Mr Peter Longman, secretary of the com

The museums gave evidence to the PAC and made many of the points now being used against them. In 1980, the committee had asked the V&A how many more conservators it needed, and the reply was

40. double the existing figure. One suggestion which is likely to be welcomed, however, is the committee's call for a "clear and concerted national programme" of conserallocation of resources".

Libel law reform

MPs' call adds to pressure

In the Commons motion

tabled by Mr David Clelland,

MP for Tynebridge, the MPs

are calling on the Government

to change the law "to provide

for proper compensation for

injuries sustained at work".

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Pressure is mounting for a ael Davies in the High Court change in the libel laws in the that in May 1987 the newswake of The Sun's record paper published reports sug-£1 million payout to Elton John, the entertainer.

Twenty Labour MPs have Savary, Falmouth Oil Services tabled B Commons motion and Falmouth Oil were linked urging reform of the libel laws with serious offences. coupled with better compensation for injuries at work. They are concerned at the contrast between the huge sums being awarded for libel, many in the past few weeks, and levels of compensation awarded for personal injuries.

The Sun, double that awarded to Mr Jeffrey Archer last year, is the latest of a rash of awards which are fuelling pressure for Yesterday Mr Peter de

Savary, a yacht-owning oil need to deter effectively irres-company chief, won on- possible behaviour by the disclosed damages and costs in settlement of an action against the now-defunct London Daily News.

At the same time, they want "large proportions of libel The £1m award agreed by damages to be paid into a legal aid fund to give financial assistance to those who

cannot afford to fight to clear their names and reputations. The MPs speak of "the ponsible behaviour by the news media". "We believe that the con-

trast between sums paid to already rich individuals for Mr John Previte, for Mr de hurt feelings and those Savary, told Mr Justice Mich- working people who suffer

disabling injury and even death in the course of their work is a stark reminder of the gesting, wrongly, that the Fraud Squad suspected Mr de contradictions in social values in today's Britain."

There are other moves for reform: Mr Tuny Worthington, Labour MP for Clyde-bank and Milngavie, is introducing a private mem-ber's Bill in the new year which would create a statutory right of reply in the press Legal aid is not available in libel cases.

Last year Sir James Goldsmith, the businessman, se up a fund to help individuals bring libel actions they could otherwise not afford,

Fashion prize

Paris (AFP) - Ms Yoshi Takata, an aide to Pierre Cardin, the French designer, for 35 years, has been awarded the City of Paris's Silver Medal for helping to boost with Japan.

Hayward resigns from Life Guards

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

signed from the Army yesterday 16 months after being convicted of smuggling can-nabis worth £500,000 into

Captain Hayward, aged 33, sent his resignation letter from his cell in Gevaldigergatan jail ontside Malmo in southern Sweden, where he is serving a five-year term. The Ministry of Defence

confirmed that the Army Board had written to the Life Guards officer two weeks ago, requesting his resignation.
"His resignation arrived today", a spokesman said, adding that he would receive a

pension when he reached 60. The end of Captain Hayward's career came as Mr Christopher Murray, his London solicitor, confirmed that "new evidence" had come to light. He said: "We're looking into it, it's very en-

Captain Simon Hayward re- the Swedish courts to reopen

Captain Hayward's salary of £17,500 was stopped as soon as he was found guilty in a Stockholm court in August last year, although he was still officially in the Army until yesterday. He has always claimed he was innocent of

the smuggling charge. He appealed unsuccessfully against his conviction in September last year. He was arrested in a remote part of central Sweden 21

months ago after driving his brother's Jaguar car from Ibiza, Swedish border police who checked his car found 50 kilos of cannabis hidden in the

Captain Hayward denied any knowledge of the drugs and said he had driven the car to Sweden on his brother's behalf to sell it. His brother Christopher disappeared after Mr Murray may petition seen since.

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Education officers 'wrong to refuse choice of schools'

David Tytler, Education Editor

Education officers were wrong ficially low in order to force to refuse 22 families the schools of their choice on the The Kirklees report says that grounds that they were already although this was not true the full. The parents fought the officers had realized that order for a year, sending their children to school in a room above a pub. They had been told that

there was room for their children only in Headfield Church of England School, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, where 85 per cent of the children were Asian. Yesterday's report into the affair, by Mr Robert Hughes, chief executive of Kirklees Borough Council, makes it clear that this was not the case.

In fact, there was plenty of space and sufficient teachers, according to the report published yesterday. The school the children were directed to was already overcrowded. It was only when the parents appealed to the High Court last July that the council backed down.

The report said that the decision would have led to further overcrowding 21 Headfield while both accommodation and teachers were available in the chosen schools at Overthorpe and Thornhill.

The affair was surrounded in racial controversy. In 1980, the education committee wanted to allocate the majority of the spare places at Thornhill High School to Asian pupils from the Savile Town area. The system was not introduced and the Thornill places were mostly taken up by white parents from Thornhill Lees Infant School.

As a result, the proportion of Asian to white children at Headfield Middle School and at Westborough and Birkdale high schools continued to increase. Mr Hughes says: "This was not the result the

council had sought in 1980." The parents said in the High Court that the council had fixed admission limits arti-

white children into Headfield. granting the parents' choice of schools would have alleviated the overcrowding at Headfield but would have increased the preponderance of Asian child-

ren over white. Mr Hughes says: "Members should have been told, quite explicitly, that these were not factors that could support the exclusion of the children from the schools of their parents'

He concludes that none of the officers "took a suf-ficiently firm grip on the

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- Mr Robert Hughes

affair." He says: "I am sat-isfied, therefore, that it was a lack of effective action on the part of senior officers in the Directorate of Education Services that caused the authority to be drawn into a wholly avoidable confrontation with a large body of aggrieved and

According to the report, the officers had placed the authority in breach of the obliga-tion placed upon it under the 1980 Education Act to meet parents' choice of schools unless that would damage education in the school or lead to inefficient use of resources.

In no previous years had requests for the two Thornbill schools been denied although in at least two years it had meant that numbers of pupils had exceeded the council's limits.

The officers failure to seek approval for admission limits was a serious and ultimately

embarrassing omission. The authority's published admission arrangemens also failed to tell parents, as the law required, of the standards by which their applications would be judged.

The 1987 investigation by the education officers wa fragmented and unco-ordinated", Mr Hughes says. "Some senior officers, at least, should have appreciated that the authority was effectively turning pupils away from under-utilized schools in favour of a 'policy school' which coold scarcely have been expected to benefit from taking oo additional pupils."

Of the original appeals by parents, Mr Hughes says: "Serious amd avoidable errors were made on such a scale in the Thornhill School appeals as to belie claims made by officers in the directorate as to the importance that was at-tached to some appeals."

The report says that in-sufficient information was given to members of the appeal committees who were ioadequately trained. Mr Hughes also says that the authority failed to give parents a clear understanding of their right of appeal.

He says: "It seems likely that many parents simply accept the authority's 'policy school', instead of their preferred school, because they fail to appreciate, from the lengthy information for parents document, that they have the right to appeal.

The situation could have been resolved as late as August last year when, says Mr Hughes, a very stong case for the admission of the children to the schools chosen by their parents could and should have been made. The same meeting was not told of legal advice that "there was a very grave risk" of the parents mounting a successful legal challenge to



school picketing a meeting of Kirkless council at Huddersfield Town Hall yesterday. Muslim leaders said they would consider High Court action after the council deferred a decision on the request for grant aid from Zakaria school, Batley, West Yorkshire. The application is seen as a test case for

country. Yesterday about 1,000 Muslim children were kept at home as a protest and several hundred demonstrators lobbied the town hall. The council's edumittee has recomme

the school, suggesting it could grow from its present 127 pupils to 500, near the recommended minimum level for an effective high school. The deferral was greeted angrily by the demonstrators and the National Muslim Educational Services Group said it would consider High Court action against the authority.

'Council officials may be disciplined'

Senior council education officers, criticized for their part in a dispute in which children were kept away from school and taught in a room above a public house for a year, may face disciplinary action.

Mr Robert Hughes, the chief executive of Kirklees Metropolitan Council in West Yorkshire, whose detailed report oo the affair was pub-lished yesterday, disclosed that he had begun a preliminary investigation to see if the officers should face action.

The 149-page report into the school dispute at Dewsbury, in which the parents of 26 white children refused to send them to a school allocated by the Kirklees authority where 85 per cent of the pupils were Asian, con-

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wholly avoidable".

Parents fought the decisioo in the High Court and won their action when the council admitted defeat on the second

day. They always denied any racial implications. The council case collapsed when evidence was put forward alleging flaws in its admissions policies, so that children were allowed to go to schools which the authority

had claimed were full. Mr Hughes said yesterday: Mistakes were made and the affair was wholly avoidable. But we have been frank and open about the whole thing and I hope there will be no lasting damage."

His report criticized unnamed education officers for

cluded that the affair had been their roles and their advice to councillors.

> Their actions, it said, placed the authority in breach of its obligations under the Education Act, 1980. That states that the authority has to comply with the school preferences of parents.

Parental applications for their children to attend a chosen school were tested against incorrect guidelines which failed to take into account the extra teaching resources and accommodation that were being made

The report added that the officers' failure to seek approval for planned admission limits for those aged eight and over in 1987 was a "serious and ultimately embarrassing"

omission. Published admission arrangements were seriously deficient and unlawful.

Mr Hughes said that oo one in the directorate of educational services took a firm grip on the affair.

"I am satisfied, therefore, that it was a lack of effective action of senior officers in the directorate, at this time, that caused the authority to be drawn into confrontation with a large body of aggrieved and resolute parents.

The report was presented to a meeting of the council yesterday.

School admissions and appeals procedures and the responsibilities of council education officers are to be examined by various committees in

Sponsors to pay £1m in opt-out school deal

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

Skegness Grammar School which last month became the first state school to vote to opt out of local authority to control, has secured £1 million in a sponsorship deal with leading national companies.

The agreement, which is conditional on the 529-yearold Lincolnshire school succeeding in its application for grant-maintained status, will enable it to become a mixed boarding and day school.

As well as paying for the construction of a boarding house, the money will be used to establish a high technology business studies centre.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is expected to announce his decision on the school's application in the middle of February.

A ballot of the parents of the 600 pupils produced a 94.8 per cent majority in favour of opting out of the control of Conservative-run Lincolnshire County Council. The school governors

believe that admitting boarders to what has been a county day school will not fall foul of the prohibition on grantmaintained schools changing their character within five years of opting out.

They have been advised that provided it continues to operate along grammar school lines the school will not be open to this charge.
Mr John Webster, the head-

master, said yesterday: "A boarding house would swallow up the bulk of the money available. But we have made no secret of the fact that we have been, and still are, looking for sponsors." Although the school's suc-

cess in attracting private capministers, it is likely to cause chagrin in some quarters because Skegness has raised more in a month than some new city technology colleges have managed in a year. · A Government training

video on self-management by schools, filmed mainly at Skegness Grammar, is being re-shot to remove references to the school.

The Department of Edu-cation and Science said this was to avoid "embarrassment"

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Dons may boycott examinations as protest over pay

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

finals, is almost certain to start needs graduates of high in the New Year.

The Association of University Teachers yesterday pub-lished the results of a ballot of its members showing a two-to-one majority in favour of industrial action over pay.

Dons are angry because uni-versity vice-chancellors have reasonable discussions have refused to make a pay offer for the salary year ending in April on the ground that they have no money to fund a deal.

The association's ruling council, meeting at Warwick University, is expected to agree today that the boycott should start from the beginning of the academic term on lanuary 9.

March 1988.

The association says that £50 million, which the Government is giving to the universities from next April is unallocated so far,

If it goes ahead, the action will involve a ban on setting, marking or invigilating exam-

free to continue with work on school examinations such as ing with examinations would GCSE and A level. Miss be unprofessional and a seri-Diana Warwick, general sec- ous breach of contract". How-

A boycott of all examination retary of the association, said ever, he added: "The vicework by 31,000 university yesterday: "The decline in chancellors are confident that lecturers, which could kead to academic pay is critical for thousands of students being academic staff, for the universumable to take their degree sities and for the nation which have no part in a squabble

> "This vote demonstrates that our members are prepared to take damaging action because they feel they have no failed, action is the only

> Last year university academic staff were given a 23 per cent pay rise to cover the period from April 1986 to

and is unallocated so far, could be used to provide a 7 per cent across the board

Everything from first-year exams to degree finals will be affected, but lecturers will be mittee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said: "Interfer-

over staff pay".

Addressing the council's opening session, Mr Allen McTernan, association president, said reductions in goverbecause they feel they have no nment spending on univers-option. No union could have ities was part in a policy of cutwished less to be forced into ting the "life enhancing element of public sector expenditure".

> He said: "What fraction nf the cost of a single Trident missile would be necessary to wipe out the debts of univer-sities accumulated since the cuts started in 1981?

"How many flights to the Falklands would have to be cut in order to restore the recurrent grant to the university sector to a level that would provide proper salaries for university staff?" He added: "We have a pro-

fessional responsibility, individually and collectively, to speak up to protect and advance opportunities for higher hotel, preparing for a boat race across the Serpentine, Hyde Park in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors. education in this country and to guard the standards and integrity of scholarship and



Rear Admiral Jeremy Larken. commander of the assault ship HMS Fearless during the Falklands campaign, with "pigeneral manager of the Sber-aton Park Tower Hotel, London, and Mr Simon Kluge, an account executive at the

MP to introduce Bill on national identity card

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Commons will be asked to vote early in the new year on the introduction of a national identity card scheme. Mr Ralph Howell, Conservative MP for Norfolk North, who came third in the recent ballot for private member's Bills,

is going to introduce legislation which would make the carrying of such cards by everyone ohligatory. He believes the scheme would be an important contribution towards improving law and order, and has the support of the 125,000strong Pnlice Federatinn, but nnt the Government. The Association of Chief Police Officers' general purposes committee has recommended that its full council support the idea at its meeting in

Growing violence mars fall in crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Violent crime is up by 13 per crime prevention panels. cent in England and Wales to a There were now 60,000 new peak, though overall of neighbourhood watch fences are down by 3 per cent, the biggest fall for 10 years. schemes involving more than three million people, he said. the biggest fall for 10 years.

concern and pleasure to ministers. They are for recorded crime in the 12 months to September, compared with a similar period a same area.

Only 1 per cent more thefts similar period a year earlier.

The good sign is that overall crime — 93 per cent involves property - has shown a dramatic turn round this year. dramatic turn round this year. in the year to last March. Between 1980 and 1987 there Offences of theft or unwas an annual average in-

crease of 5 per cent. The news is even better for the third quarter alone: the drop was 7 per cent compared with a similar period last year.

However, the number of sexual crimes increased by 10 per cent to 26,800 and violent offences rose by 13 per cent to 153,500. Those increases compare with annual average rises of 3 per cent and 5 per cent respectively between 1980 and

Robberies fell by 0.8 per cent to 31,900.

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Burglaries dropped by 8 per cent or 73,000. Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, said yesterday that meant about 200,000 fewer police hours being spent on

The figures, published yes-terday, caused a mixture of crease public awareness of the

Only 1 per cent more thefts from vehicles were recorded. There had been a 6 per cent increase in the 12 months to last June and a 12 per cent rise authorized taking of a motor vehicle fell by 6 per cent in the 12 months to September.

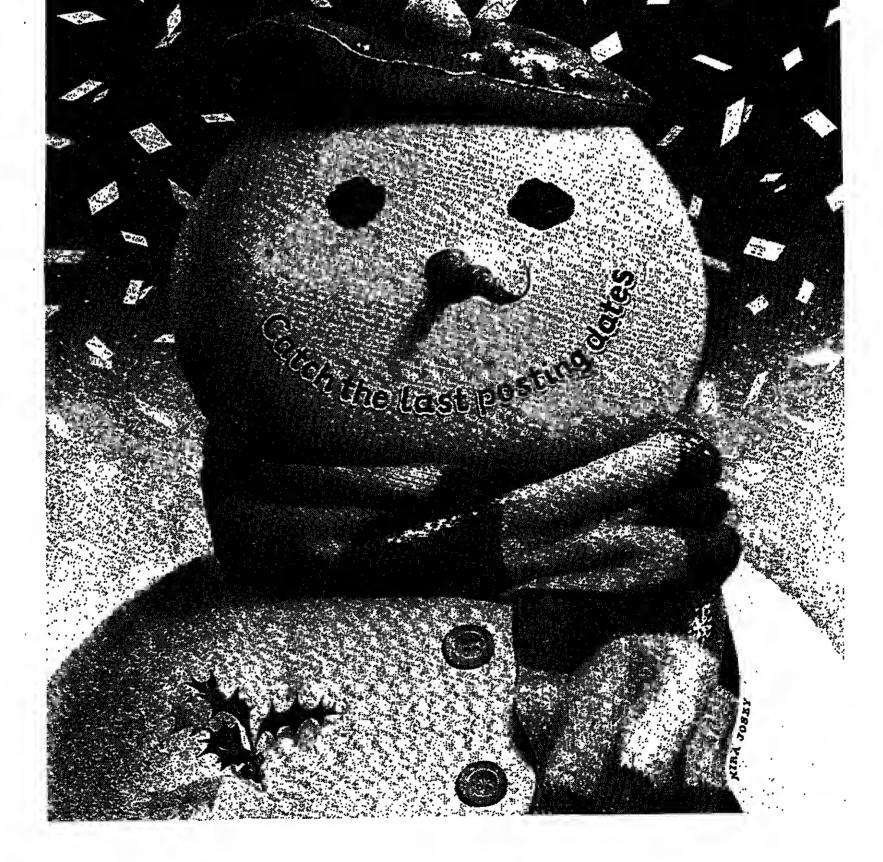
The success in reducing crime overall is thought by Ministers partly to point to a knock-on effect of a combination of measures, including a mounting government campaign for safer cities.

Metropolitan force areas in gland and Wales showed a drop of 4.6 per cent compared with one of 0.9 per cent in non-Metropolitan force areas. The biggest falls were on Merseyside (10.5 per cent) and West Midlands (9.9 per cent).

In the Metropolitan Police district and City of London there was a I per cent de-

dealing with them.

He described the overall drop as a triumph for effective preventive policing and for the active citizen involved in neighbourhood watch or Home Office Statistical Bulletin. Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police in England and Wales—Third Quarter 1988. (Statistical Department, Home Office, Lunar House, Croydon, Surrey CRO 9YD; £1.50).



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Arab moderates will Peres set to switch jobs in power tactic press US for change in Palestine policy

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

planning a diplomatic offensive to support Mr Yassir Arafat's speech to the United Nations in Geneva, and to plucking out his eye and increase pressure on the US to offering it to President Reareverse its refusal to open gan, who responds by telling contacts with the Palestine him: "I want the other eye." Liberation Organization.

dle East News Agency re-ported that President Mub-eliminated all question marks arak of Egypt had personally raised by the United States rebuked Mr George Shultz, and Israel over Palestinian the outgoing US Secretary of intentions. America is pushing State, over his policy towards the Palestinian case back to the Palestinian

Mubarak told the US Secretary that the US must take a zero option." more positive and understanding attitude towards the constructive resolutions taken by the PLO in recent weeks," the agency said.

Arab sources said yesterday that the main reason for the campaign was fear that ex-tremists would soon regain the beginning of a peace dialogue. upper hand if PLO moderation achieved no progress.

Washington's frosty reactinn drew an Arab response that was a mixture of anger and frustration. It served to intensify anti-American sentiment in the Arab world after the decisinn to deny the PLO leader a visa to visit New moderation and should sup- Syria and Iraq.

which showed Mr Arafat

In the United Arab Emir-Last night the official Mid- ates, the daily Al-Bayan said cration to embarrass him. the beginning. It could prompt the Palestinians to take the

Both President Mubarak and King Husain of Jordan, two of the strongest backers of American policy in the region, warmly praised the PLO leader's speech and claimed that it adequately met the demands

"I do not know what more is required from Arafat," an exasperated Mr Mubarak told reporters as he emerged from the Soviet Embassy here, after paying respects to the victims of the Armenian earthquake.

"The US Administration should encourage the voice of between Syria and Egypt and

The moderate Arab states are York. The Arab attitude was port its friends." The Egyptian summed up by a cartoon in leader, who is expected to the Bahraini daily Al-Khaleej make an early visit to Washmake an early visit to Washington to press home his demands on the Bush Administration, added: "No head of state can guarantee 100 per cent that none of his citizens will undertake a terrorist op-

> "Arafat's speech covered all the points demanded by Washington and there is no need for statements claiming he did not mention these in a certain way."
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> A key element to the Arab

plan is to open 1989 with an extraordinary Arab summit in Saudi Arabia which would take the Palestinian issue as its central theme and would invite Egypt to take part for the first time at such a gathering since its expulsion from the Arab League in 1979.

Yesterday President Assad of Syria, one of the bitterest Arab apponents of Egypt's return while she still maintains the peace treaty with Israel, was in Saudi Arabia for the first time in nearly fru years. Western experts said his visit was connected with Saudi efforts to improve ties



Mr Shimon Peres telling the Knesset yesterday that Mr. Yassir Arafat's UN speech was a political disappointment.

Mr Shimon Peres is preparing to resign as Israel's Foreign Minister after deciding that Mr Yassir Arafat's speech to the UN means that the peace process is deadlocked for the reseeable future.

The Labour leader, who is involved in the last stages of negotiations to form another coalition with Liked, has been persuaded that his best strat- tery and pretend it is a egy now would be to take over the Finance Ministry. From there he could supervise a recovery plan for the ailing Israeli economy, rather than try to start negotiations for peace. Labour Party leaders hope that, if he succeeds as Finance Minister, it will give him the best chance of winning the next election.

Analysing the UN speech in the Knesset yesterday, Mr Peres showed that his views on this subject are the same as those of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, who called it "a monumental

The Foreign Minister said the speech was at best a rhetorical success, but at the same time a political dis-appointment. It had failed to front the real issues, he said. Promises made by the Palestine Liberation Palestine Organization to the US had not been fulfilled and expected lecisions had not been taken. "All Arafat did was acrobatics," he said.

The PLO leader had forgotten his history because the 1947 UN resolution on

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

partitioning Palestine, which he now said he accepted, "was rejected by the Arabs, not just with words, but with swords, blood and war".

The PLO leader was trying to merge this dead resolution with the one passed in 1967 which implicitly acknowledged Israel's right to exist. "You cannot look at a cemematernity ward," Mr Peres

As to renouncing terror, Mr Peres said the speech left the door open for further violence in the occupied territories by describing the uprising as "a democratic process". Did Mr

New York (Reuter) - The United States yesterday ve-toed a Security Council resolution strongly deploring an Israeli land, air and sea attack last Friday against Lebanese territory. The vote was 14 in favour and one against, with no abstentions.

Arafat really believe throwing petrol bombs which killed women and children was "a democratic process"? It was not enough to condemn terror. What was needed was a commitment not to use terror.

Inviting the UN to control a Palestinian state would mean Israel just giving up. "He wants us first to accept both an dependent state and the UN, and only then to negotiate," he

Current pressure by the

aprising and its violence. "But you have either got to shoot or talk. Those who shoot at us will be shot right back. It is not important what he says. What is important is that he goes on

● LONDON: Britain yesterday took a much more positive view than Washington of Mr Arafat's speech in Genera, implicitly widening the gap between the two allies on their attitudes to the PLO (Andrew

McEwen writes). London differed even more sharply with the Israelis, Whitehall sources saying that Mr Shamir's reaction was "a matter for regret".

A Foreign Office spokes-man noted: "We were encouraged by what Mr Arafat said in his speech. It repre-sented a further move forward from the Algiers PNC (Palestine National Council) declaration, and underlined the extent to which the PLO had changed their position.

"We recognized that the language of the speech re-flected the nature of the occasion, but we still hoped for greater clarity."

Whitehall sources would not say which aspect of the speech lacked clarity. Unlike many observers, the Foreign Office appeared not to be critical of Mr Arafat's failure explicitly to state that the PLO recognized the state of Israel.

The sources said that repeated references to Israel in the speech amounted to im-

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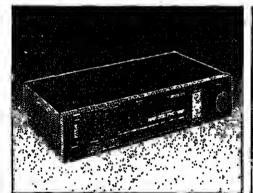


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British pledge to stop EEC fraud

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

"jump nn" any evidence of assured of such a pension.

A comparison with a less budget, following the annual official report on Community finances for 1987 which exposed widespread fraud, deception and mismanagement. But Mr John MacGregor, Minister for Agriculture, said

yesterday that the document contained very little criticism of the United Kingdom. It was imperative in future for every new spending proposal by the Commission to be examined thoroughly, and all scope for fraudulent prac-

tices rooted out. "Where we find evidence of corruption in Britain, we will jump on it," Mr MacGregor said. The report, drawn up by the EEC's Court of Auditors, revealed rampant corruption in the allocation of pensions to tion" in agricultural spending,

and widespread profiteering in beef export refunds. An astonishingly large number of low-grade officials received disability pensions, which provide up to 70 per cent of normal salary for life. As many as nine out of 10 secretaries had obtained dis-

Britain yesterday promised to every driver and porter was

A comparison with a leading French financial institution over the same period showed that, while only 3 per cent of male bank workers qualified for disability pensinns, the figure for EEC staff was more than 34 per cent.

The document also exposed serious malpractices in agriculture, in which the European Commission had been "manipulating" the Community's annual budget to try to demonstrate that restrictions on farm spending, first in-troduced after the Fontainebleau summit in 1984 and tightened after the Brussels summit in February, had been adhered to.

Substantial potential for fraud was unearthed, after a year-long investigation into Community staff, "manipula- beef exports from Britain, France demonstrated that hardly any of the exports on been checked by national

customs authorities The Court of Auditors said that the new Commission, which takes office in the new year, must ability pensions, while almost situation.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pretoria ready to return MiG pilot

Johannesburg - Sonth Africa has offered to repatriate the pilot of an Angolan MiG-21 fighter aircraft which strayed into Namibia as part of a peace agreement signed this week with Angola and Cuba (Gavin Bell writes).

The unprecedented incursion took place on Tuesday, when the pilot apparently became lost in heavy cloud, ran out of fuel and landed in a field 150 miles south of the Angola-Namibia border. A Defence Force spokesman said the South African Air Force had not intercepted or communicated with the plane.

The incident took place as South Africa, Angola and Cuba were signing a protocol in Brazzaville providing for Namibian independence and withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Mr Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, affered yesterday to return the plane and exchange the pilot for a South African soldier captured in Angola.

Cameraman freed

A British journalist held for almost 18 months by the right wing Mozambican National Resistance in a remote bush camp was released yesterday as a gesture of goodwill for Christmas. The Foreign Office said that Mr Nicholas de la Casa, aged 28, a freelance cameraman, who was accused of being a British spy by the South African-backed guerrillas, had arrived in neighbouring Malawi. The British Government had refused to negotiate directly for his release.

Greek minister quits

Athens - Another minister resigned from the Greek Government yesterday plunging the Papandreou Administration, beleaguered by financial scandals, deeper into disarray (A Correspondent writes). Mr Stathis Yotas, the Junior Defence Minister, became the sixth minister to resign in as many weeks. Mr. Yotas, who also resigned as a parliamentary deputy, blamed "interventions made recently in the performance of my duties".

Mandela's law award

Johanneshurg (Reuter) - Nelson Mandela has received the highest qualification available in the South African legal system that has kept him in prison since 1962. Professor Marinus Weichers, of the University of South Africa, said yesterday that Mandela, aged 70, had passed by correspondence his final examination for admissing to the bar as an advocate, the South African equivalent of a barrister. "It is a great achievement," Professor Weichers said.

Dissident released

Moscow (AP) - A man who was sentenced to seven years in a labour camp and two years of exile for protesting against the exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel Peace Prize vinner, has been freed, a dissident source said yesterday. Alexander Podrabinek, an editor of the human rights journal Ekspress Khronika, said Vazif Meilanov, a 50-year-old mathematician, was freed from exile in Siberia by a nency order of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Health chi

Health chief describes earthquake rescue work as troops stay on the alert for ethnic unrest

Soviet minister tells of 'London blitz' on enormous scale

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Dr Yevgeny Chazov, the Soviet Health Minister, yesterday gave some of the most vivid and authoritative accounts yet of the chaos that faced the first Soviet rescue workers after the Armenian earthquake.

He also called for the establishment of a national emergency service that would be ready and trained to cope with disasters, such as the Chemobyl nuclear accident and earthquake relief.

Dr Chazov returned from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, on Tuesday after coordinating the medical services in the first five days of the rescue operation. The work of the medical teams has been widely praised as the most successful part of an otherwise inadequate response to the disaster by the Soviet emergency services.

The minister, who declined to confirm a Moscow radio report that he had condemned the Soviet civil defence organization as "completely bankrupt", said that he was informed about the scale of the disaster within hours and had the first medical teams on the spot the same day.

Specialist medical teams were assembled initially from Moscow, the republic of Georgia, and elsewhere in Armenia to fly to Leninakan. They were subsequently joined by teams from other Soviet cities. Dr Chazov said that the first few

He spoke of children found alive between dead parents, of The majority were in Armenia limbs being amputated on the streets withnut anaesthetic, nf instant decisions doctors had to take - like whether to remove the hand of a threeyear-old girl.

He compared the devastation and the large number of "crusb" injuries with the psychiatric help for survivors. London blitz - except that the earthquake happened more

Moscow - Sergei Grigory-ants, the editor of the Moscowbased unofficial journal, Glasnost, has been under arrest in Yerevan for more than a week (Mary Dejevsky writes). The Foreign Ministry said yesterday he was charged with breaking the curfew after ignoring troops' requests not to photograph. He was being detained for up to 30 days under emergency regulations.

were even greater.

All the medical facilities in the town of Spitak were destroyed, as were most of the hospitals in Leninakan. There was no power and no running water. Seventy per cent of trained medical personnel in the area were killed.

Dr Chazov said that those who survived were in deep shock and unable to work Many had lost members of their families. It had been days had afforded scenes that essential to bring in trained

would never be forgotten by staff from outside, and to those who witnessed them. evacuate those most seriously injured to specialist hospitals. and Georgia, but 270 were in Moscow. Of more than 5,000 people treated in hospital, only 50 had died.

In a departure from previous practice, Dr Chazov said that the medical authorities were also providing The minister said that he had insisted on the most stringent measures to prevent infection.

Bodies had to be buried immediately they were recovered, troops had been inoculated, and the emergency water supplies that had been fixed up were regularly mon-itored. But Dr Chazov denied reports that helicopters were spraying the ruined towns with disinfectant and also discounted rumours that typbus had broken out.

He confirmed that no survivors were taken to hospital in the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan, nor had its medical teams been invited to take part in the rescue, despite offers from them.

Christian Armenia and predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan are locked in conflict as the result of a flare-up of an old dispute over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Dr Chazov declined to give any firm figure on the final death toll, saying it was still far too early to be certain.



A Soviet tank yesterday in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, enforcing the state of emergency after last month's ethnic unrest.

Overnight curfew imposed in Armenia

From Our Own Correspondent

As an indication of the continuing tension in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, the Soviet Army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda yesterday published an hour-by-hour account of the mass demonstration on Sunday which was broken up by troops.

It has also emerged that a state of emergency tantamount to martial law is in force in many regions of Armenia and Azerbaijan, and that the whole of Armenia is subject to a five-hour overnight curfew.

Krasnaya Zvezda said last weekend's trouble in Yerevan began on Saturday, when a large crowd gathered outside the

Writers' Union building. Police and troops found that an illegal meeting of the outlawed Karabakh Committee, the unofficial group set up to spearhead Armenia's demands for the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan, was in progress.

By 7pm there were about a thousand people there, many shouting protests against the Soviet Government and the Army. Leaflets were distributed and petitions passed round.

According to the newspaper, the petitions called for an end to all official talk about "fraternal co-operation and internationalism" from Azerbaijan - a reference to the republic's official offer to help the earthquake relief effort.

Seven members of the Karabakh

committee were detained. One, Mr Ashot Manucharyan, was released after pleading immunity tn prosecutinn because he is an elected member of the

As troops were breaking up that crowd, some 2,000 people attempted to march from the Writers' Union building. The square was surrounded by troops and the march broken up by farce. Unofficial reports say troops used batnns and shots were fired.

• Riga meeting: A meeting was held at the weekend in Riga, capital of the Baltic republic of Latvia, to establish a "forum of the peoples of Latvia". The aims of the forum are said to be to further cooperation between the different nationalities and foster cultural activity.

Japan slow to respond in disaster relief effort

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Why does Japan take so long to act when disaster strikes

As foreign rescue teams belped to dig bodies from the wreckage of the Armenian earthquake and other rescue workers unloaded blankets and medicines from all over the world, Japan was still deciding how much to send and when to send it.

While Britain swiftly pledged £5 million, Japan's immediate response was a donation of £45,000 through the Japan Red Cross.

Days after other countries had begun to send relief supplies and rescue teams Japan was organizing a reconsance team.

By Tuesday the Japanese had finally found a commer-cial Aeroflot flight with cargo space available. Blankets, electric generators and medicines were sent to Armenia. Another batch will leave today. On Tuesday the Cabinet also decided to raise its contribution to 1.1 billion yen, which almost exactly matched Britain's initial £5 million

But Japan's critics are baffled by the country's slow response. Japan protests that it merely operates in a different way. "The Government of Japan needs an official request from the Soviet Union befnre it gives aid," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Japan also resists using military aircraft to carry aid supplies. It feels that would contravene its Constitution, which restricts the use of

military planes outside Japan.

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Sri Lanka election

Extremists vow to disrupt poll with further violence

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

extremist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front) said last night that he would not accept the results of Monday's presidential election and warned that his campaign of violence would

letter delivered to the offices of the Commissioner of Elec-tions, Mr Chandananda de detonated smuggled-in explo-Silva, the JVP leader sives, is the latest in a series described the elections as

illegal and undemocratic. "We appeal to you to join with us by not participating in this fraud," Mr Rohana Wijeweera, in hiding since 1983, told the Commissioner. You should reveal to the public this treacherous and

anti-nation act." In an apparent threat to Mr De Silva, he continued: "If you do not do this, you will become part of the conspiracy ... and history will judge you on this. Do not allow it to happen."

The JVP has been fighting to prevent the elections taking place and to overthrow the Government. Its campaign of 700 lives since July last year.

Mr Wijeweera's letter came the day after a raid nn Colombo's top-security Weli-kade jail in which 221 prisoners escaped. Earlier reports suggested that 30 prisoners

The leader of the Sinhalese Three people are believed to have died in the raid and eight others were injured, but police have captured only one

> Sources here say that many were senior members of the underground movement and included several provincial

The raid, thought to have which have freed hundreds of suspected JVP activists. It is being seen as particularly embarrassing for the Government, which has cracked down bard on the movement in recent weeks, arresting thousands of young men in a bid to restore order in the run-up to the elections.

Despite continuing ramours of a last-minute postponement, the chairman of the United National Party said in a hastily arranged news con-ference yesterday that he was confident the polls would go

"We are not for postpone ment because we are confident of victory and we are confident assassinating supporters of the ruling United National the Election Commissioner Party has claimed more than can carry out elections even with the difficulties," the party chairman, Mr Raujan Wij-

> He added that he believe the armed forces were fully in control and capable of giving "adequate protection" to vot-

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had managed to break out. ers at polling stations. Palme death arrest Stockholm - Police have arrested a Swede with a history of psychiatric illness and a previous conviction for manslaughter

on suspicion of murdering Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, nearly three years ago (Christopher Mosey writes).

The man, aged 41, and unemployed, who has yet to be charged or named, admitted being in a restaurant near the spot in central Stockholm where Palme was killed by a single bullet through the back of the neck on February 28, 1986. There have been several previous arrests but no charges have been brought.

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Bus tragedy

one of the so-called "black taxis" run to supplement on with a bus in the Orange missing. Free State province. Visa appeals

from next year, to appeal to the courts if their applications to travel to the West are refused, new regulations say. **Briton killed**

Gibraltar - Spanish police are investigating an incident in which Eric Jansz, a London-

born Briton aged 75, was found stabbed to death here. Plane crash Cairo (Reuter) — A Nigerian transport aircraft has crashed on a village in Upper Egypt killing all eight members of the crew and, some reports said, five villagers.

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Kenya murder

Johannesburg (Reuter) - All Nairobi - Kevin Hynes, a British teacher found dead at his flat in Mombasa, is believed by the Kenya police to sparse bus services, were have been the victim of rob-killed when it collided head- bers. Much of his property was have been the victim of rob-

Iran relents

Nicosia (Reuter) - Iran has Boun - East German visitors announced it will permit apand emigrants will be able, proved political parties to operate but warned would-be politicians to learn from the "bitter experiences" of the

Dali recovers

Barcelona (Reuter) - The painter, Salvador Dali, aged 84, who almost died two weeks ago, was discharged from hospital and returned to his surrealistic art gallery.

Children held Sidon (Reuter) - A school bus driver armed with a machine gun held 50 children hostage

for an hour to protest against

being sacked.

Soviet withdrawal from Af- chov's latest proposals for a ghanistan only nine weeks ceasefire and an international away and a second round of peacekeeping force. He said Soviet-Mujahidin talks im- this was "intended to achieve minent, there is evidence of for the Soviets all those goals renewed splits within the Af- which they could not achieve ghan Resistance Alliance.

Several leaders of the seven- imposed war?. party grouping are still away The actual strength of the from their bases after the first rebel parties on the ground, talks with Soviet represent-atives at Taif in Saudi Arabia in the refugee camps, may eight days ago. But observers soon be of crucial importance. think their absence may be connected with the speeding drawal is only nine weeks up of moves towards the formation of an interim Afghan representative body.

Two of the Mujahidin par-Maulavi Younis Khalis, and the Ittehad-i Islami of Professor Abdurrasul Sayyaf, have exiles—and, if only indirectly, Soviet withdrawal.

Mr Khalis's statements suggest his stand may be softening, and that when the representatives from Taif re-turn to Peshawar, all the leaders may be able to agree to take part in more talks.

Another party generally considered to be radical or fundamentalist, the Hezb-i Islami faction of Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, supports the talks. Mr Hekmatyar has argued that direct talks with the Soviet Union are a longstanding Mujahidin demand. and they therefore represent a

victory for the resistance. But Mr Hekmatyar, in common with all the other leaders.

With the deadline for the final has rejected President Gorbam their past 10 years of

The actual strength of the The deadline for the with-

away, and the second round of talks between Soviet representatives and the Mujahidin is supposed to be held in ties, the Hezb-i Islami of Pakistan within two weeks.

rejected the principle of talks from the US - to move as with Moscow before the quickly as possible towards setting up an interim repre-sentative council, since a full Shura (elected body representing all the Afghan people) clearly cannot be called in the middle of winter and a war.

The seven parties agree on the need for such a body, but not on how it should be ional Islamic Front of Afghanistan, led by Pir Ahmad Gailani, believes in elections from the refugee camps under international supervision, with representatives from within Afghanistan chosen by local commanders. Mr Hekmatyar says he is also in favour of elections.

He is said to be confident of



An Afghan rebel, injured by a booby trap, travelling to the Pakistan border for treatment. camps around Peshawar and is generally believed to be still

his strength in the refugee stan intelligence service nates. Mr Khalis's Hezb-i to enjoy considerable support the most favoured recipient of among refugees in the Quetta the international aid which is area, where moderate and channelled through the Paki- royalist opinion predomi-

which, for its part, is believed Islami, in contrast, opposes

It advocates instead representation by "educated have been denied by Muslims who have the trust of Islami representative.

the people" - selected, presumably, by local notables. Given these divisions, and especially in view of the imminence of the next Soviet-Mujahidin talks, the absence abroad of so many of the rebel

leaders is considered baffling by most Western observers. It seems to cause little concern to many of the Mniahidin. Moves towards a united resistance front seem impossible until they return.

Of the delegation at Taif, Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, of the Jamyat-i Islami, is said to be still in Saudi Arabia, and the whereabouts of Dr Sibghatullah Mojadidi of the Afghan National Liberation Front, and of Markaryab of the Hezb-i Islami Hekmatyar faction are not known. Their absence is causing suspicion in the other parties.

Meanwhile, disquiet has been caused by some rebel sources who believe that something resembling a mass-acre of Kabul government troops from Torkham took place on the Pakistan border between Jalalabad and Peshawar after the garrison fell to the Mujahidin last month for the first time.

About 70 men are supposed to have died at the hands of fighters from Mr Khalis's Hezb-i Islami. An official of one of the smaller parties said:
"If true, this would be very disastrous."

The allegations — emanat-ing originally from Kabul have been denied by a Hezb-i

West's silence on conference plea dismays Russians

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

perrilla movements, based in Pakistan and Iran and both determined to overthrow it.

With time running out, Soviet officials are showing concern bordering on desperation to find a way of persuad-ing the West to help them withdraw with dignity, leaving a broad-based government. They have been dismayed

by the West's lack of interest in a proposal made by President Gorbachov in his speech at the United Nations a week ago for an international con-

The proposal was overshadowed by his announce-ment that Moscow will reduce unilaterally its military forces. But it is now clear that his intention, in making it the sole regional problem mentioned in his speech, was to focus West-ern attention on it. Instead he has been met by silence.

Most Western diplomats feel that the conference would be little more than a second

attempt to persuade the West to cut off military supplies to
the Mujahidin, which the
Geneva Accords failed to doMoscow had been following
a "twin-track" approach with

Two months from today, two sets of parallel negotia-Soviet troops are due to complete their withdrawal from Afghanistan, leaving the Kabal Government to face two large alliances of Muslim arms control negotiators, to talk directly to the guerrillas.

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Soviet sources said Mr Vorontsov had completed initial talks held in Saudi Arabia with the guerrillas, but refused to give details.

Western observers believe that the Mujahidin will have maintained their refusal to participate in a broad-based vernment unless the present Kabul leadership is removed, something which Moscow may

It was confirmed yesterday high-level talks between the Afghan Government, which was not involved in the talks in Sandi Arabia, and Moscow. Mr Vorontsov briefed President Najibuliah, while Mr Ednard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, held talks with his Afghan counter-part, Mr Abdal Wahil.

President Gorbachov reaffirmed at the UN his determination to meet the February 15 withdrawal date. But Soviet officials, speaking personally, say they do not see how this can be achieved unless the West responds.

Japan curbs extremists

Fears mount over right-wing antics

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Japan's role in the Second World War.

Mr Hitoshi Motoshima, Mayor of Nagasaki, the first local government head to express publicly such an opinion, is under police protection after extremist threats. The Government has just

passed a law banning rightwingers from driving their ostentatious year-end celebramilitary-looking vans along tions, weddings have been Tokyo's streets and broadcast-postponed — owes much to ing anti-left slogans. Despite official denials, it is right-

believed that the Government liament to avoid embarrassing Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who visits Tokyo this weekend.

The Soviet Embassy in Tokyo has been one of the main targets of the right-wingers' hooters and their blaring martial music. But the extreme nationalists - who number just 120,000, according to Japan's National Police Agency — do not always stop at making a nuisance of themselves. Sometimes they

kill people.

In May last year Mr
Tomohiro Kojiro, a reporter
in the Osaka burean of the
Asahi Shimbun, Japan's leading daily newspaper, was
killed when a right-wing extremist marched into his office and began firing fice and began firing a shotgun. The newspaper's crime was to write critically about the Yasukuni shrine, a

memorial to Japan's war dead. Ironically the extremists' trucks had already fallen silent, before the Government officially banned their hectoring, out of respect for Emperor Hirohito, who has been critically ill in the Imperial Palace

in Tokyo since September. They must have been grateful for the opportunity to strike up the band in Nagasaki, out of Tokyo's earshot.

Japan's small but noisy ex- The Mayor of Nagasaki, who treme right-wing factions are now has to tolerate chants of on the warpath again, this "God punish Motoshima" from the trucks parked outgested that Emperor Hirohito side his municipal offices, bore some responsibility for says: "I have never felt in such danger. There are threats hinting that they will harm my family or grandchildren."

Although nobody will admit it, rumours suggest that the mood of solemnity that has hushed Japan since the Emperor fell ill — politicians have cancelled fund-raising parties. companies have cancelled postponed - owes much to thefear of reprisals by the



query Emperor's war role. wing extremists. Nobody

knows who is next on the list. In August shots were fired at the bouse of Mr Hiromase Ezoe, the former chairman of Recruit, an information and property company at the hub of a share-profiteering scandal. A right-wing group claimed responsibility.

Mr Ezoe has been in hospital ever since, even though there appears to be little wrong with him when dinner ap-pointments demand an eve-

Rumours suggest that at east part of the reason he stays in hospital is fear of who claim that he has some-

Italy gets tough on illegal immigrants

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Italy has introduced a new, migrants by turning back a boat crammed to the gunwales with Algerians and Senegalese, one of many clandestine parties of workers destined for the underground economy.

The move marks the first, controversial step towards regulating the flow of Third World immigrants into Europe, and reflects a general tightening of border controls in the run-up to the Single European Market in 1992.

The motor heat Cardneck

The motor boat Cardacci, which embarked at Tunis, had been at sea for a week. It had intended to dock at Trapani in Sicily, but was stopped by Italian border police, recently placed on a high level of alert. Retween 1,000 and 1,500

illegal immigrants arrive in Sicily on the Tunis ferry each week. Others dock at Genoa. A maritime police officer in Sicily said yesterday: "They have been coming here for more than 15 years. But before

or 300 a week. For the past year it has been five times that number — Algerians. Turks

and Africans. So now we have permission to tighten up, especially on the Senegalese."

The decision to increase immigration controls results from an agreement between West Germany, France and the Benelux countries to close their borders before 1992. The accord makes visas

obligatory for people from certain "high-risk" emigration countries and provides for fairly drastic follow-up action. Carriers, for example, will be back if their travel documents

Italy has always been liberal More than 100,000 new imlegal status in the nast two



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González defies left and rules out early elections

Spain brought to a standstill as police clash with strikers

Union leaders brought Spain quantify the level of - to a standstill yesterday in the participation. country's first general strike

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bring early elections. The strike was called to try to force Señor González to move his social democratic economic and union policies ly. No serious injuries were further to the left.

By early afternoon a spokes- tween police and pickets. man for his office was conceding that the 24-hour stoppage "had an ample following".

A government spokesman attributed the response to an "atmosphere of intimidation" engendered by organized pic-kets. The ruling Spanish Socialist Workers' Party said mucb of the country joined the strike, but detachments of firemen and other emergency the strike call had brought "an important response".

The Prime Minister said at a news conference: "There will. be no early elections." He acknowledged that during the past 18 months he had been unable to establish a dialogue with nnion leaders, but said: "It is my will to have a discussion with them."

While leaders of the country's two principal trade unions - the Socialist-led General Workers' Union and the Communist-led Workers' Commissions - spoke of a massive" response, represectatives of the Government in the big cities refused to

There were virtually oo for 54 years, but Señor Felipe significant incideots. Only one González, the Prime Minister, death could be attributed, said the protest would not even indirectly, to the strike. The victim was a woman who had a heart attack in Granada and for whom an ambulance could not be sent immediatereported in the clashes be-

> Minimum essential service requirements, decreed by the Government, were widely ignored, although emergency medical services were maintained. Municipal police in services were on duty.

All international flights from Madrid were cancelled, and aircraft fulfilling the minimum domestic requirements had few passengers.

Tacks strewn in the road punctured the tyres of some vehicles at Barajas airport, Madrid, and passengers who arrived early yesterday morning on three flights from the Americas found there was 00 transport into the capital.

Little more than a score of strike-related arrests were made, and those taken into custody were mostly soon

Incideots included the set-



Running the gauntlet: A department store employee, aided by struggling riot police, fighting her way through a picket line as one of the few people to go to work in Madrid yesterday.

ting up of barricades on main the capital were damaged, as lack of school buses and roads or streets, the jamming of locks at workplaces, and in Vitoria, Madrid and Barcelona clashes between groups of pickets and police, particularly outside department stores which opened.

An overhead cable for a southern suburb of Madrid, and pickets toppled a supervisor's booth on to the tracks to block an underground railway line in oorthern Madrid. A few of the 162 public transport buses earmarked for

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were buses in Barcelona. In Madrid, police on horseback clashed with about 5,000 demonstrators who gathered outside Parliament, which was in session, shouting: "Scabs!"

Most museums were closed for want of sufficient security commoter train was cut in a personnel, and most civil servants at ministries in Madrid failed to turn up for work. Long-distance lorries did oot operate, and most produce and fish markets were closed. While schools, in theory, remained open, attendance

was extremely low, reflecting a

very few customers. Department stores in Madrid and Barcelona opened and closed several times during the day, depending on the extent of

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police protection. Leading article, page 17

parents' fears that their child-

ren might be caught up in

strike violence. Of the coun-

try's 120 daily newspapers,

more than 100 did not

City and highway traffic was almost nil. The few business establishments which opened

for all or part of the day had

Hanoi withdraws more troops

Khmer Rouge still casts shadow over Cambodia

From Humphrey Hawksley, Ho Chi Minh City

acceptable public face and withdrawing thousands of troops from neighbouring Cambodia, which it has occupied since 1979.

The eventual aim is to restore diplomatic relations with the US and China. Hanoi has invited dozens of journalists and television crews into the country to vouch for its credibility and witness the pull-out — the latest stage in Vietnam's pledge to have all its military forces out of Cambodia hy 1990.

But Western diplomats have questioned figures from mili-tary commanders here indicating that up to twice as many Victnamese traces namese troops might be in Cambodia as were officially stated. Vietnam says that after this withdrawal of 18,000 men only 50,000 will remain. Diplomats monitoring Cambodia from Bangkok say the figure could be as high as 100,000. But, despite the discre-pancy, it is now accepted that

Vietnam is determined to leave Cambodia, mainly because it cannot afford to stay there. A Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Tran Qang Co, says that whatever develops after the withdrawal it is unlikely that Vietnam would intervene mili-

tarily again in Cambodia. At the same time the Army, the fifth largest and one of the most battle-hardened in the world, would undergo mass demobilizatioo so that more defence spending can be diverted to reviving the domestic economy. A military spokesman, General Nguyen Van Thai, yesterday confirmed

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Vietnam, devastated by more that more than 300,000 men, Rougebas put forward Mr than four decades of war and or 25 per cent, would leave the Khien Samphan as its leader, economically isolated from the military, but he was unclear but he is not a force within the West, is this week showing an how they would be absorbed acceptable public face and into civilian life. movement. The leaders of the Khmer Rouge - Pol Pot, Ieng But Vietnam's version of Sary, his wife leng Thirith, and the ruthless military com-

perestroika does leave a question mark over the foture of mander, Ta Mok - are still Cambodia. The country, revived by the occupation, re-mains hanoted by the prospect that the brutal Khmer Rouge might claw back power once The Khmer Rouge strength

is estimated at about 30,000 guerrillas. They receive regu-lar shipments of arms from China, routed through Thailand with the support of the Thai authorities. One analyst estimated that Khmer stuckpiles amounted to three rifles per fighter, and if shipments stopped now the guerrillas would have enough supplies for two years.

Moscow and Peking are attempting to work out a facesaving formula which would allow the Khmer to share power in o government of reconciliation without the

Cambodian problem, it could brutality that marked its three ally when it comes to China", years in power. The Khmer as one official put it. Vietnam says it invaded Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge Government carried out cross-border massacres in the name of anti-Hanoi Camhodian nationalism. It is keen



both to withdraw and secure Mr Tran Qang Co denies that Moscow's intentions are

anything but hooonrahle. He said: "Mr Gorbachov has more than once declared that the improvement of relations between the Soviet Union and Pol Pot: Remains dominant China will not be at the

very much in control and living

in Khmer Rouge areas on the

One Western official said:

"There will be problems, but

there is no chance of getting the same set of factors which brought the Khmer Rouge to

power before. Most Cambodi-

ans are horrified by what

problem is considered one of

the most crucial issues in the

It is also the main obstacle

to the improvement of rela-

Moscow, and this is one of the

maio factors in President Gorbachov's aim 10 befriend

Asia-Pacific region. There is

some concern that, if there is

to be a loser from the 10-year

stability of South-East Asia.

Thai border.

Zimbabwe journal defies minister to expose corruption

A small Zimbabwean provin- tions have centred on the dent investigations into goverament corruption, yesterday defied the threats of a senior Cabinet minister and headed into direct confrontation with

the ruling party hierarchy.

Mr Geoff Nyarota, editor of The Chronicle, the 70,000-circulation daily published in the western city of Bulawaya. the western city of Bulawayo, and its deputy editor, Mr Indian by Davison Maruziva, were both its front page.

It said they had asked the minister if be was involved in a car distribution racket. Mr Nkala was quoted as responding "Who do you think you are?" and ordering them to travel to Harare immediately to see him. "If you do not, I will teach each of you a lesson. I will use the Army to pick

уоц пр." Yesterday Mr Nyarota travelled to Harare to brief company management on the paper's investigations, but said that he would not be seeing the minister. He described Mr Nkala's threats as "unnecessary".

The Chronicle's deliberate sbowdown with Mr Nkala at The Chronicle yesterday. marks the crest of a wave of discontent with the Govern-ment of President Mugabe and his alleged failure to act against corrupt ministers.

Since September Mr Edgar Tekere, the immensely popucorruption, and students have out the South African Argus clashed violently with the police during anti-corruption

Evidence of popular sentiment comes from the sales of the Zimbabwean music star Thomas Mapfumo's latest recording, said to be doing "extraordinarily well" after a barely publicized release. He called it Corruption.

The Chronicle's investiga-

cial newspaper, a national distribution of new vehicles cause celebre for its indepenimported kits. A Japanese sedan, sold new at the gazetted price of £10,000, makes the new owner a tidy profit when he sells it the next day for four

a house built for him by an wayo who was allocated at threatened with arrest hy the least two vehicles by the Minister of Defence, Mr Enos minister. Another minister Nkala, the paper reported on allocated himself six vehicles and sold them to a company.

Mr Nkala was among 16 ministers, deputy ministers, governors, MPs and senior government officers named by The Chronicle yesterday as having received new vehicles in the last year. He had been asked by the paper if he had sold his when he issued his threats. All 90,000 copies of a specially large print run were sold out in Bulawayo by 8 am vesterday.

"We have broken out of an nttitude of silence, condonation and self-censorship that was prevalent during the war and was happily assumed by the press after independence," commented a senior journalist

Government control of The Chronicle and its sister paper, The Herald, in Harare, is ostensibly remote. Both are owned by the Zimbabwe Newspapers company which in turn is owned by the Mass Media Trust, set up with n government-appointed board lar former party secretary- Media Trust, set up with n general, has been sacked for government-appointed board his outspoken criticism of after the Government bought babwe Newspapers in 1981.

> For all that, political control is often direct, while for the rest of the time the national media operate n system of selfcensorship. But on October 27 Dr Witness Mangwende, the Minister of Information, urged journalists to "expose corrup-tion". The Chronicle has taken him nt his word.

Lange dismisses his **Finance Minister**

From Richard Long, Wellington

Minister, Mr Roger Douglas,

The move followed a year of bitter internal wrangling over little time to co-ordinate an the pace of economic change offensive. Mr Lange is exand Mr Lange's action last pected to muster enough caumonth in sacking Mr Douglas's chief lieutenant, the Minister of State-Owned Enterprises. Mr Richard Prebble. Like Mr Prebble, who described Mr Lange as dic-

tatorial and irrational, Mr Douglas departed attacking Mr Lange's style of leadership. He promised to contest the

Mr David Lange, the New Country needed a new leader. The leadership vote was due terday dismissed his Finance to be held in the new year, but Mr Lange out-manoeuvred the architect of the Thatcher- the Douglas faction on this, like economic reforms that saying the vote would be have rocked the Labour Party. brought forward to next week. This gives his opponent

> cus votes to survive. Mr Trevor de Cleene, the Minister of Customs and Revenue and a close ally of Mr Douglas, said he would resign

today in protest. Mr David Caygill, pro-moted to the finance portfolio from health, pledged that the reforms would continue. Difleadership at the regular cau-ferences would be of style cus re-election, saying the rather than substance.



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Ryan extradition refusal offensive, House is told

The reasons given by the Irish Government for not extraditing Father Patrick Ryan on terrorism charges were offensive, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, told

In response to renewed allega-tions from the Opposition of iotemperate and hectoring words from the Prime Minister on the issue, Sir Patrick said, to Conservative cheers, that Mrs Thatcher was expressing a feeling widely held in the country.

After Sir Patrick's statement, After Sir Patrick's statement, Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, at whose request it had been made, said: One could do without public intemperate and hectoring words, particularly those of the Prime Minister.

Is it not much much better that pre-trial processes are not conducted under the arc lights but are dealt with, as they would be in this country, quietly and without publicity?

Matters had not been helped by trial by newspaper, which had been fed by the outbursts of the Prime Minister.

Matters were not helped, also, by press briefings by the Crown Prosecution Service, all of which raises the problem of prejudice of a jury.

Sir Patrick said that there was inherently controversy in the procedure of the Irish Attorney General coming to conclusions on what were matters of English

"I would reject the suggestion that anything the Prime Minister said would cause any prejudice to proceedings. She was entitled to say what she did and was expressing a feeling widely felt throughout the

The Irish Attorney General had said in his statement and in a later letter that he believed that prejudice had been incurred by matters which had been published.

"I have made clear in my reply that I am confident that if and when Patrick Ryan came to trial on this country, there is no significant reason that any publication of any material

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The two million motorists driv-ing cars that could take un-

changing to the new fuel, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Sec-retary of State for the Environ-ment, said during Commons

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would have a detrimental effect on the ability of a jury to give the fair trial that is required in this country.

"Good sense is needed to try to get successful extradition arrangements established.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that they would be left with two questions when their anger had died down: how determined was the Irish Government to root out terrorism and how would this absurd gesture improve the prospects for the Anglo-Irish agreement (Conservative cheers)?

Sir Patrick said that the Prime Minister had made clear that the Government wished the Anglo-Irish agreement to con-

"I prefer to take at face value expressions of intent by the Irish Government, including the Irish Attorney General, that it is their desire to take really effective steps against terrorism.

"But I have to observe that yesterday's decision is an obstacle rather than anything that facilitates a really firm attack upon the terrorism that con-

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Northern Ireland Secretary, said that there had been a tragedy of crrors on both sides of the Irish Sea, reinforcing attitudes about each side's justice, which had gone oo for 500 years.

Would it not be better to stop posturing oo all sides and use the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act? It was there to give the Irish a chance to bring this man to

The Attorney should discuss the problem of witnesses and their safety in Dublin and give them a chance to bring this man

"We may get hot under the collar one way or another, but people on both sides of the border, and particularly in the North who have suffered violence over 20 users 220 sets olence over 20 years, are not amused by our attitude. They want something dooe about men of violence and the legisla-tion is there to be used."

Sir Patrick said that it would be a tragedy if anybody, in the words of the Irish Attorney, sought to be charged with very serious offences, were not

brought to trial. But it was not quite as simple

as that. He had to have regard to considerations of the safety of

Mr Robert Macleman, Dem-ocrat spokesman on home af-fairs, said that there were many fairs, said that there were many who would not accept the Irish Attorney General's view that a fair trial is oot possible in this country, but who none the less regretted the participation of MPs and particularly the Prime Minister in a bue and cry during the time the Irish Attorney General was considering the

Sir Patrick: I reject any assertion that the Prime Min-ister took part in or led a hue

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that the Irish Attorney General's statement was moderate. He could not accept that anyone was guilty until they had been found guilty. There had been statements in the House that this gentleman was a terrorist before he had

been brought before the courts. Was not the Irish Attorney General correct in saying "how could anyone who is of Irish origin get a fair trial in this

Sir Patrick: He is right in saying that it is fundamental to our system of law that everyone is presumed innocent until they are found guilty.

The statement by the Irish Attorney General supposes that a jury in the case of Patrick Ryan would not abide by that fundamental principle.

Mr Peter Archer (Warley West, Lab) said that the Irish Attorney General had not cast doubt on the fairness of United Kingdom courts. But, because of comments from official sources and the Prime Minister, no jury, no matter how fair, could be expected to approach this with an open mind.

Sir Patrick agreed that doubt had not been cast oo the system. The Irish Attorney General had not referred to the Prime Minister.





Juries in Britain behave fairly, **Attorney General insists**

In his statement, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, said that yesterday Mr John Murray, the Irish Attorney Gen-eral, announced that be had on the previous day advised the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana oot to endorse the warrants for execution and that in respect of the charges in two of the warrants he had formed the opinion that there was, on the part of the relevant prosecut-ing authority, a clear intention to prosecute and that such intention was founded on the existence of sufficient evidence.

These were the requirements Amendment) Act, 1987. In relation to the charges in the other two warrants, Mr Murray had oot found it necessary to reach any final conclusion because he had concluded that were Parick Ryan to be extra-dited to Britain "it would oot be possible for a jury to approach the issue of his guilt or inno-cence free from bias". That was by reason of what he described as the "extreme nature and

extent of the prejudicial ma-terial published.

Mr Murray had said: "The charges which have been brought against Patrick Ryan are of a most serious kind and they should be investigated by a court. The Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act, 1976, provides a mesers whereher certain estimates diction) Act, 1976, provides a means whereby certain serious offences committed outside this jurisdiction may be tried here. Such a trial may, under Irish law, take place before a court of three judges without a jury. Heavy penalnes are prescribed by Irish law for those offences.

Mr Murray had told him personally of his decision a few hours earlier.

"For my part, I find this outcome extremely disappointing (Conservative cheers), and the reasons given for it regrettably offensive (recewed cheers). The reason is also singularly surprising since speculation about the fairness of any resulting trial by a jury in England is not one of the

ney is directed by this very recent Act to undertake. "I readily acknowledge that

the question is one for Irish and not English law, but I also note the doubts in this regard expressed today in leading articles in The Irish Times and Irish Yesterday morning he had informed Mr Murray that "I rejected his thesis that Patrick Ryan would be denied a fair

"Juries in England are invari-

"Juries in England are invariably instructed that they must decide the case only on the evidence they have heard and seen in the trial. In every appropriate case, that is to say cases of any ootoriety, they are directed to disregard whatever they may have heard or seen elsewhere. "In my experience juries heed these directions scrupulously, with the fairness one expects in

the ordinary men and women of country (Conservative

"Whatever may have been

published anywhere — and Mr Murray had before yesterday at no time raised with me any anxiety about any publication — I am entirely confident that if, and when, Patrick Ryan were to come to trial in England, there would be no significant risk that such publicity would affect a jury's ability or will to try him fairly.

"As to the possible trial of Patrick Ryan in the Republic of Ireland, as the Prime Minister said yesterday, we do not ab-solutely exclude that, but only two of the four charges seem to be covered by the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Act. Additionally, there would be grave anxieties over the security of witnesses, whom we could not compel to go to the republic; and if the case accordingly failed for in-sufficiency of evidence, we could oot subsequently try Pat-rick Ryan in our own juris-

"These are major disadvantages inherent in an option which we had every right not to prefer to that of extradition."

This was the only country

dumping massive amounts of sewage sludge into the North Sea. Thirty per cent of Britain's

poisonous sewage sludge was dumped there. "This minister will go down in history as one of Britain's great poisoners."

Mrs Bottomley said that Mr

Roberts's question was an example of air pollution. The

'risk said during a debate on southern Africa in the Lords.

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noo wante people needed to de convinced that they were sitting on a time bomb which could explode at any mo-ment, Lord Goodman (Ind)

It required a masterly approach to influence that tiny, silly community that they are committing snicide,

Lord Goodman, who had recently visited South Africa as vice-chairman of the British Council, said that more than 30 millioo people there were conde to a life of degradation, shame and deprivation because three million people required it.

Most of that minority were not wicked; they were just complacent, blind and terrified.

\$100m grant for Nigeria

The UK is to make available a grant of \$100 million (£53 million) to Nigeria in 1989, subject to approval by the International Monetary Fund of a standby agreement and cootributions from other donors.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, announcing the grant in a written an-swer, said that it dem-onstrated the UK's interest in the health of the Nigerian economy and its willing-ness to assist the Nigerian adjustment programme.

Immigration controls

The British Government intends next spring to introduce a single immigration channel for all EEC citizens, including Britons, entering the country. Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Sec-retary, said in a written reply.

The aim of the change is to reduce, as far as possible, the levels of checks on EEC nationals entering the United Kingdom without disturbing our ability to maintain adequate controls on nationals of third countries."

Salmonella test plan

The Government is considering measures requir-ing processing plants mak-ing chicken feed to test each day's production for salmonella, and to make the results available to the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr Richard Ryder, Par-liamentary Secretary for Agri-culture, said in a written

Parking for disabled

There were about 840,000 holders of orange badges giv-ing vehicle-parking privi-leges for disabled people in March last year, more than a 14 per cent increase on the same time a year carlier, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Security Service Bill, second reading.

Lords (3): Road Traffic Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC package travel.

Correction London Underground's investment in the current financial year is 60 per cent more in real terms than in 1984-85, oot 6 per cent, as Lord Brabazon of Tara, as Lord Brabazon of Tare, Under Secretary of State for Transport, was reported as saying in Monday's debate.

'Vote Labour and pay'

Conservative-controlled authorities this year would have been £196.40 and in Labourcootrolled authorities, £294.40, Mr John Gummer, Minister for Local Government, said during leaded petrol should be aware of the cootribution they could make to reducing pollution by

He was responding to Mr Antony Markow (Northamptoo North, C), who said: He is a fair man and a Christian and should make voters aware that the cost of voting Labour at the oext local election could be £100 a Mr Gummer had said that he

would make every effort to inform voters that profligate spending by local authorities would lead to high community charges.

Mr Christopher Mnllin (Sunderland South, Lab): Has be seen recent reports that poll

POLL TAX

tax will result in the transfer of about £800 million from the North to the South. Can he, as a Christian, say how it can be justified to take it from the poorer parts of the country and transfer it to the richer? Mr Gummer: He is mistaken

in his reports. The business rate will transfer nearly £900 million from South to North. Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Will be ensure that oo expenditure on protect-

ing egg farmers is counted as

Mr Gummer (a former Min-ister of State for Agriculture): Sometimes when one is moved from ooe department to

Mr David Blunkett, an Opposinoo spokesman on environ-ment, asked how much the Government would spend on

profligate propaganda about the poll tax, including a leaflet just issued, and whether he would take actioo against Lady Porter, leader of Westminster City Council, because the voters there had had to spend £5.5 million to recoup after the scandalous sale of cameteries for

He asked whether that action could be coupled with a surcharge of Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, for the £500,000 she had cost the country in opening her mouth once too often.

Mr Gummer: No money will be spent by this Government on

Minister one of the great poisoners, says MP Irish sea, and that was left out of

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Environ-ment, would go down in history as one of Britain's great poisoners, MPs were told at question time.

The allegation was made by Mr Allan Roberts, an Oppo-sitioo environment spokesman, after the minister had said that about 20 per cent of pollution in the North Sea came from Britain's rivers and estuaries.

There was a clear contrast between that figure and the 50 per cent of contaminants borne from rivers at the sea's eastern

Britain was bringing forward a clear plan of action. It had brought forward the "red list" of

POLLUTION

2,000 substances which were most damaging to the water-ways and was moving towards ending incineration and dumping at sea as well as participating in the scientific task force.

Mr Roberts said that the minister and Conservative MPs had proved that they were totally complacent about the pollution this country was putting into the North Sea.

Of course, river discharges into the North Sea from Britain were only 20 per cent. The River Mersey, the most polluted river

Conservative Party believed in action not words, action based oo sound scientific evidence.

Sewage sludge was what remained after the treatment of sewage. One had to find the best practicable environmental op-

the question.

Electricity Bill wins second reading

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The following report of the second reading debate in the Commons on the Electricity Bill

The Government's key privatization measure, the Elec-tricity Bill, was read a second time by 304 votes to 238 -Government majority, 66.

The Commons also rejected by 316 to 239 a Scottish National Party amendment, rejecting second reading because the Bill failed 10 introduce effective compension, particularly in Scotland. Resuming debate on secood

reading, Mr Malcolm Riskind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said that the Government accepted that there could not be cepted that there could not be perfect competition in the electricity generation and supply industries, but he rejected what he said was the Labour argument: If there was not perfect competition, monopoly was preferable. Such a proposition was oot in the national interest.

He said that there was double the necessary generating capac-ity in Scotland. That showed that state control was not the route to a rational distribution

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of generating capacity. Such mis-matches were inevitable as long as there was political interference. The industry must be allowed to take its own investment decisions.

consequence of the over-pro-vision of capacity that had left a high level of debt. The Bill

A significant capital re-structuring of the industry would be required in Scotland quite different from that in England and Wales. That was a

allowed the debt to be converted to equity but oo decision had been taken on that yet. Mr Denald Dewar, chief

Opposition spokesman on Scot-land, said that the electricity industry in Scotland had been efficient, well managed and successful in recent years.

There might be some marginal advantage in privatization for the large industrial consumer, but for all others and particularly the domestic concompetition would be an empty

What could a domestic consumer, unsatisfied with the service of his supply company in comparison with other companies, do about it? Nothing, except continue to take their

The Opposition was looking at the Bill with growing gloom. While it was attractive to the Treasury and to the greater glory of the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Cecil Parkinson). and maybe even a few shareholders looking for a quick profit, there was nothing in it for the ordinary consumer and

ngs have been poorly attended though old troupers can still pull them in: Barbara Castle at-tracted more than 100 to a meeting that by common conservas the best of the campaign. Mr Kellet-Bowman, a business consultant, is favourite to win the seat held by the Conser-England. Mr Arnold sees his opports vatives with a majority of 44,821

on o 31 per cent turnout in 1984. But, such is the apathy, that some predict a turnout at worst in single figures or at best in the

Mr Kellet-Bowman said: "It is now no longer a matter of export or die. It is a matter of senzing

European Parliament by-election: Hampshire Central

Europe is still somewhere across the Channel

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

Amid the celery from Spain and tomatoes from Holland, and with a bemused Breton onion seller standing by his bike, Mr Edward Kellet-Bowman was having difficulty promoting his vision of Europe.

The Conservatives and two centre-party candidates in to-day's European Parliament by-election in Hampshire Central insisted that the electorate was browned and browning depths. intelligent and knowledgable about the EEC. Unfortunately, there were few such voters to be found in Alton Market Square. "Sweetheart, this man wants to talk to you", exclaimed Dame Elaine Kellet-

Bowman, the Conservative MP for Lancaster and wife of the Hampshire Central Tory can-Before Mr Kellet-Bowman could advance, perhaps a more authentic English view of things authenic English view of things European was shouted by a market trader: "You're wasting your time here, darling. It's all heaptiful jobs for the boys, ain't

Dame Elaine muttered a pro-

test that Europe was important as she and her husband retreated in search of another well With an electorate of 558,000.

But the woman they found also had non-European things on her mind — the spread of estate agents and building soci-eties in the Hampshire market town's main street. Yet another was worried about the rebellion tendencies of his local MP, Mr Michael Mates.

As Labour's agent, Mr Tony Beirne, candidly admitted: There is a bit more awareness of the European Community, hat for the majority of people it's still something which is on the other side of the Channel, not to be worried about". Campaigning for elections to the European Parliament has

always been an uphill struggle. But the five candidates seeking to inherit the seat made vacant by the death of Mr Basil de Ferranti must also contend with a vast constituency and the forthcoming Christmas season. Sprawling northwards from Southampton, Hampshire Cen-tral stretches to the London

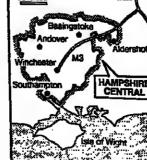
dormitory towns of Ba

With an electorate of 558,000.

it contains seven Westminister parliamentary constituencies held by the Conservatives. Highlighting Labour's decline in the southers held by the SDP-Liberal Alliance came second in five seats with Labour taking runner-up position in the two Southampton constituencies. it contains seven Westmir The M3 acts as a spine,

slicing through the Hampshire countryside and bringing in its wake high-tech industries at-tracted by fast links with both London and the docks. Agriculture remains an impertant factor of the local ecouperson sector of the socal econ-omy, but during the past 25-years its importance in employ-ment terms has declined as opportunities opened in lighter

opportunities operan in industries and the service sector. Southampton never developed the heavy industrial base of northern seaports, but it has a traditional sector of industry including the assembly of Ford transit vans and a tyre factory. A large proportion of the people are employed in defence-



related industries, and Basing-stoke, once a small market town, has been transformed into the that house insurance and com-puter company offices.

Half of the electorate, which has grown by 8.1 per cent since 1984, are considered middle-class, with 64 per cent in service employment and 58 per cent owning their own homes.

The Conservatives emphasized the need for Britain to set the European agenda and placed particular emphasis on the opportunities opening with 1992. "Dallas of the Downs" because of the glossy immitations of corporate American buildings

the opportunity. Many firms already have, but the smaller companies need to be taken to the well." Getting to grips with the constituency and achieving pub-While Mr Kellet-Bowman constituency and achieving publicity has been a big task for the emphasizes the basiness oppor-tunities, Labour is pkying to its traditional strength by positing

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to the better benefits available in and gone with hardly a mention in the local media. Public meet-

Beaten by 37 votes into third place by the SDP/Liberal Alli-ance in 1984, Labour's new aiming at second place as part of the party's longer-term strategy to rebuild its base in Southern

nity in the division between the Democrats and Social Democrats. With a strong base on local councils, the Democrat candidate, Mr David Chidgey, is confident of beating the challenge for the SDP. The SDP has chosen a car-

didate with a high profile name but a decidedly low-profile campaigning style, Lord Attlee, son of the late Labour Prime Minister, has the charisms of his father and appears ill at case

Mrs Sally Penton, the Green Party candidate, is campaigning to raise the party's profile and save her deposit when the votes are finally counted on Monday. 1984 election: B de Ferranti (C).
84,086; F Jacobs (SDP / ABlance), 39,265; M Castle (Lab).
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PROFILE

THE PRINCESS ROYAL

ccording to a tale current among senior offi-cers of the British Army of the Rhine, the Princess Royal was recently visiting troops when there was the inevitable bomh scare at the BAOR headquarters at Rheindahlen. "I'm sorry, ma'am," said a brass-hat on the telephone, "we will have to evacuate the build-"You can evacuate the building if you wish," retorted the voice of the Colonel-in-Chicf of the Royal Corps of Signals, the Royal Scots and the 14/20 Hussars, "but I am having a (expletive deleted) bath. I have every intention of finishing it."

Ten years ago the public perception of the Queen's only daughter was of a rude, sullen and intolerant young woman rather fonder of horses than of people. News-papers had a habit of labelling her "Her Royal Haughtiness", or "Princess Sourpuss". When she visited the United States with her brother Charles in 1972, a Washington paper reported: "The Prince is full of pep, the Princess

In 1977 a women's magazine polled its readers on who were the most popular members of the Royal Family. The Queen, naturally, led the field (it being her jubilee year), while Anne came second bottom, saved from total disgrace only by the even lower esteem in which the readers held her Aunt Margaret.

Since then there has been a total transformation in the public perception of the Princess Royal. The lady may not have changed greatly; she has, after all, been a tireless president of the Save The Children Fund since 1970. But the outsider's view of her most cer-tainly has, and without benefit of expensive Saatchi image-massag-ing. The remoulding of the Prin-cess can be traced with some accuracy to November 1982.

Anne was visiting Save the Children projects in East Africa while her husband was pursuing his equestrian career in Australia. The tabloids floated rumours of a marriage rift and, to maintain momentum further, they decided that Anne and Mark would meet for an attempted reconciliation in Africa. When Mark failed to appear, editors back in London stories, in return for the hefty street-cred."

expenses they were being charged by their reptiles in the field.

The royal ratpack was therefore, faute de mieux, obliged to follow Anne around the refugee camps in search of something to write about. They were amazed at what they saw. They found a young woman not only quite undeterred by conditions of unspeakable filth and deprivation, but one surprisingly determined and well-informed on the subject of aid to sick and starving children, yet unsentimental and practical in the face of human indignity. Suddenly the headlines spoke of "The Caring Princess".

Those who accompanied her on a Save the Children tour of the Far East last year recall the sight of her in a foul camp ontside Bangkok. walking on duckboards across a lake of raw sewage, when a 12year-old crippled wretch stumbled towards her with his arms outstretched. Briefly, she bent down and hugged him . . . the brisk, nononsense facade is sometimes seen to have its cracks.

In the year that she became president, donations to Save the Children totalled £3 million; last year they reached £35.9 million. If the greatest tug at the public strings of heart and purse was the Ethiopian famine, Annc's 18 years of work to raise the charity's public profile should not be under-

Children will always attract sympathy, patronage and money: criminals not so. That Anne does not only take on glamorous presidencies is evident by her active patronage of the Butler Trust, a charity which gives awards for good work in the prison service. In the last year she has been inside many a jail, including the "Nut-cracker Suite", the special unit for particularly hard cases at Barlinnie, in Glasgow. The rapport between Princess and prisoners was tangible.

Anna Humphrey, the admin-istrator of the trust, says of the Princess: "We invited her to be our patron because she was so down-to-earth. We knew she would care about the subject in a practical sort of way without being soft. Staff and inmates believe in her - they know she understands them. She somehow seems very real, which is unusual in a person began to demand stories, any in her position. In a word, she has jockey's head.



She also enjoys a high degree of saddle-cred, although not as much as her husband, whom three-day eventers regard as akin to a god on horseback. No amount of high birth would have won her a place at the 1976 Montreal Olympics without the attendant skills. Now that she has retired from serious competition, she derives her relaxation from the thrills and dangers of amateur jockeying.

She is not the country's best lady amateur, but a capacity for quick learning under her trainer, David Nicholson, put her sixth out of 130 at the end of this year's flat season. Her greatest ally is temperament, the same sort of unflappable nerve which belped Piggott to nine Derby wins, Many an amateur race has been lost by a sudden rush of blood to the

her an inevitable choice for presidency of the British Olympic Association in 1983 and she has just been returned unopposed for a further four-year term, having become in addition one of Britain's two delegates to the Inter-national Olympic Committee.

olleagues at the BOA say of her: "She is very aware of the needs of competitors, having been one herself. She has an incisive mind, often comes up with good ideas, and is very much aware of current issues." In the wake of the drugs scandals in South Korea earlier this year, she devoted her presidential address to the Olympic association in October to imploring future competitors to make a clean breast to their doctors of doubtful sub- minedly independent mind. Her Montreal experience made stances they might be swallowing.

Not for her her brother's introspective fretting about the imperfect state of the world. She sees imperfections, but her approach is to go out and do something about them. She is absolutely her father's daughter, and his favourite child. She shares his belief that the Royal Family must be seen to be earning its keep. Last year her total of 367 engagements fulfilled at home and 337 abroad far exceeded that of any other member of "the firm".

with the exception of the Queen. While her elder brother may wish devontly at times that he had been born someone else, Anne has been more successful at accepting her lot while distancing herself from the royal circus and carving out a life of her own. There is no clearer indication of a deter-She declined all honours and

titles for herself, her husband and her children until, at the age of 37, she finally accepted the traditional title of Princess Royal. She rarely socializes with her brothers or their wives, with whom she has little in common, but at least the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York have done her the favour of drawing away the spotlight of

sillier publicity. She has not been asked to be god-parent to any of the current crop of royal children, and she declined to attend the wedding this summer of her cousin James Ogilvy, son of Princess Alexandra. Acting in the family soap opera is not for her - her decision to go on a rabbit shoot rather than attend the christening of Prince Henry

Social life revolves around the gentleman-farming community of Gloucestershire, into which she

BIOGRAPHY

1950: Born Clarence House, August 15. Educated at Benenden

1970: President, Save The Children 1971: Nominated Sportswoman of

the Year 1973: Married Captain Mark Phillips, two children, Peter Mark Andrew (born 1977) and Zara Anne Elizabeth

(born 1981) 1976: Montreal Olympics, member of British three-day event

team 1981: Chancellor, London

University
1983: President of the British

Olympic Association
1985: President of the International Equestrian Federation 1987: Fellow of the Royal Society.

Created Princess Royal 1988: Delegate, International Olympic Committee

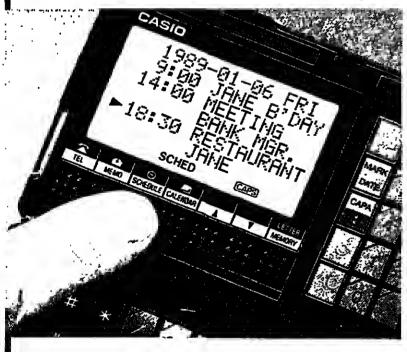
and her husband slip easily. One of her favourite havens, especially during Mark's long and frequent absences abroad, is the farmhouse kitchen of her in-laws, and she was greatly upset by the death of Mark's mother earlier this year.

Although she claims not greatly to like children, she has been successful at bringing up her own two - Peter, now aged 11, and Zara, aged seven - in something reasonably close to normal family circumstances, while not shirking from occasionally smacking their bottoms in public view. In the farmhouses of Gloucestershire. she is regarded by the children of her social circle as a brisk hut kindly aunt who is happy to make them buttered toast.

Auberon Waugh once described her as a woman "whose poisonous spittle could stop a camel in its tracks at 20 paces and blind a Press photographer for life at twice the distance. Those more kindly disposed would regard her more as brisk and efficient, with no time for irrelevancies, and a dangerously low flashpoint when her privacy is invaded or her hard work demeaned. In private she is perfectly charming, witty, sharp and solicitous, and much the intellectual superior of her

She is a royal in the old style, perhaps among the last, with a straightforward view that privileged birth must be paid for with work. And yet, behind all her briskness and competence, one can detect the ghost of wistfulness, of some corner of life unfulfilled. Somehow one is reminded that this is the great-granddaughter of Queen Mary. Except, of course, that Queen Mary was never known to utter a four-letter word.

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Ireland's crumbling heritage

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sors" means they have a habit of rejecting virtually everything which post-dates the Book of Kells and, as a result, the few stately homes still standing are decrepit.

Early in the last century there were up to 2,000 grand houses in what is now the Republic, all built for the Anglo-Irish nobility. From the 1870s onwards this group began a long-term decline and began a long-term decline and then, in the 1920s, arson attacks by nationalists reduced the housing stock further. Today, the number of houses which have survived with their family portraits, original furnishings and menorabilia intact is estimated at about 30. Historians believe it I about 30. Historians believe it

might take only one more generation for those to disappear. Groups such as the Irish Georgian Society and the Irish Architectural Archive are campaigning for conservation of the houses and the Irish government has just set up a heritage commission. But there is no property-owning National Trust similar to that in Scotland and England. Irish exports laws do nothing to slow down the the drain of antiques out of the country. Just opened in Dublin — and

scheduled for transfer to London on February 9 — is Vanishing Country Houses of Ireland, an exhibition calling attention to the crisis. Ironically, the sponsors, and the hosts in London, are Christie's who by definition have a professional predatory interest in the houses' contents. Their latest sale of house contents totalled IR£551,928 at Mountainstown, County Meath, last September.

The book accompanying the exhibition includes an enterexhibition includes an enter-taining ramble down memory lane by Desmond FitzGerald, the Knight of Glin, one of a few remaining ancient Irish peers and Christie's representative in Ireland. (His "seat", Glin Castle, is safely intact.)

Recalling the material lex-my that was once Anglo-Ireland, (all that crumbled griden stateary, all those windows and beds "draped with the elaborate remains of Empire style curtains"), he

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as spending the 1940s "smok-ing immunerable cigars" as he "retreated from room to room

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were Irish. But it seems that unless St Patrick intervenes with a miracle (or some Irish Americans do so with money), Ireland is doomed to complete its process of decay. As Kevin Myers, a journalist on the Irish Times says, soon all that will remain will be "the ornaments of the Republic: mock-Georgian Spanish South Fork-type bun-galows".



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American hospitals have special units for disaster victims. James Bone asks if Britain needs them

trains carrying 700 people colhided on the Hell Gate bridge in New York City in 1984, the emergency services knew exactly what to do. Rather than ferry all 50 injured people to the nearest hospital, ambulance crews immediately identified the 20 most serious casualties and distributed them, by helicopter, to special units across the city. Within 20 minutes all were receiving intensive treatment, and no hospital had to cope with more than three cases of severe injury. Only one person died. New York, like several other large

American cities, operates a network of trauma centres to deal with seriously injured patients, especially after a disaster. Certain designated hospitals operate special units at which any emergency assistance is available from experienced staff 24 hours a day. Last month a report by the Royal College of Surgeons called for changes in accident and emergency services in Britain, including the establishment of specialized trauma centres.

At St George's hospital, Tooting, where the victims of the Clapham Junction rail crash are being treated in the new accident and emergency department, Don Wijetunge, the senior consultant surgeon in emer-gency services, said yesterday that the speciality of trauma was neglected in Britain. Although the hospital's disaster plan had worked well, communications were flawed, he said, and emergency services were not as geared up to rapid, efficient responses as they might be.

America's tranma centre system was developed after the Vietnam War, where the army developed an effective method of treating seriously wounded soldiers. The first civilian centre was established in Maryland in 1973, and has since been copied in several other Western countries. In Ulster, seven of those injured at Enniskillen were flown by helicopter to specialist units. The system has even been copied by the Soviet army in Afghanistan. The gist of the system is "to get the right patients to the right place at the right time".

We call it the Golden Hour," says Dr Alexander Kuehl, head of New York's Emergency Medical Service. "If you can get the severely traumatized patient stabilized and into the operating room within the first hour, the survival chances are 75-80 per cent. If you wait until the second hour, the survival rate goes down to about 30 per cent."

New York, with around 8,000 trauma patients a year, boasts the



The emergency ward: Nurse Clare O'Neill in one of the trauma rooms at Bellevue Hospital, New York City. "I think I can cope with anything now"

Ready for the worst

The ambulance network run by the Emergency Medical Service is closely co-ordinated with the city's patchwork of public, private and church hospitals. The local govern-ment has classified 60 of the city's 80 hospitals as fit to receive casualties, and 13 of these operate special trauma centres to which the most serious cases are taken. No New Yorker is ever more than a 20 minute ambulance journey from a trauma centre.

Every ambulance carries two paramedics, who can perform any task short of surgery, or two Emergency Medical Technicians, who can provide basic life support. The system operates on two radio frequencies - one for routine work,

one for emergencies. On arrival, the crew first takes the patient's blood pressure, then conducts a "top to toe" survey. Based on the patient's breathing, circulation and state of consciousness, the crew allots a "trauma score" between 0 and 15. Patients who fall below 8 on the scale have little chance of survival whatever help is given to them, while those over 13 most developed system in America. battle is for the third of patients who you're waiting."

register a trauma score of between 8-13. Ambulance crews throughout the city have instructions to rush such patients to one of the designated trauma centres. They call the work "Scoop and Run,"

t Bellevue Hospital, one of the busiest trauma centres in New York, it is obvious that the system is tried and tested. A pristine twobed trauma room is ready 24 hours a day, fully stocked with instruments for emergency surgery and attended by a five-person team. There are pre-packaged surgical kits so that doctors can open a patient's chest, head or throat immediately on arrival. Patients arrive on a stretcher that has an X-ray machine built in, so they need not be moved.

"If I were badly burt, this is where would want to be brought," says Clare O'Neill, a trauma room nurse from Birkenhead who has worked in the United States for the past 16 years. "Everything that can be done is done, and it is done quickly. At other places it could be done in

As soon as an ambulance picks up a trauma patient bound for Bellevue, the crew radios ahead to warn the unit. The five doctors on standby are summoned from their duties elsewhere in the hospital, and

within minutes of the patient's

arrival have performed any critical

surgery and sent the injured person

into one of two operating theatres

specially reserved for trauma cases. The key to the trauma centre system is that every nurse and doctor becomes so accustomed to dealing with severe injuries that they rarely make mistakes. Bellevue's trauma room handled about 1,000 patients last year, giving its

staff a wealth of experience. Doctor Ameen Ramzi, of the Maryland Shock-Trauma Centre in Baltimore, which treats almost 3,000 trauma cases annually, estimates that a trauma unit needs at least 300 to 500 patients a year to justify its existence. There is about one trauma patient a year for every 1,000 people, so that a trauma centre requires a population base of between 300,000 to 500,000 people. By that reckoning, London would

person power in the hospitals to do " says Dr Goldfrank.

Americans say that the structure of the National Health Service would make it easy to set up a trauma centre system in Britain, so that local hospitals are not overwhelmed during disasters. Because health care in Britain is overwhelmingly controlled by the state, it would be possible to assign certain tasks to certain hospitals.

Another major stumbling block is also less important in Britain: money. Although many large American cities now have trauma centres, the system has faltered in several places because of the cost. Providing trauma care is, by its very nature, loss-making. Treatment for severe injuries — available to all, including the poor and uninsured —
is very expensive and recuperation can be long. In Los Angeles and Miami the trauma centre system has broken down because private hospitals did not find it profitable. As Dr Goldfrank puts it: "If you

are a private hospital and you like to take care of Queen Elizabeth and you don't want to take care of the centres. "You British have the you don't set up a trauma section." any long-term recoveries, and

Kiss and tell

A close look at glandular fever may help solve some other medical mysteries

enager's kissing disease". giandular fever, could unlock the mysteries of post-viral fatigue syndrome, also known as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis

nior lecturer in psychiatry at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, hopes it will. A questionnaire, drawn up by White and a member of the public - Margaret Durban, aged 64 - attempts to discover why some people can take years to shake off the effects of

but not everyone is aware that some patients appear to spend years on an on-off recovery course, often with

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Letters and paperwork detailing these effects are piled high in the dining-room of Margaret Durban's home in Sydenham. Five years ago, when she was in her last year as a modern languages lecturer, she had first-hand experience of the illness. She nursed a student, who was laid so low for so long that their university careers were in

jeopardy.
"Stress, lack of bed-rest and a conscious urge to get back to in their imagination," work appeared to be common Readers who have been discenarios," she recalls. "In certain cases there appeared to be a lack of understanding on the part of their GPs. If patients did not recover com- invited to take part in St pletely within, say six months, they were told that it was all in the mind or that they were being lazy."

She wrote to university

A planned study on "the to discover how common the virus was among students and how many had had to abandon their courses. On the encouraging. "Some reported an average of two cases every week; others did not have Dr Peter White, locum sefigures. One medical officer grandly told me there were no prolonged effects of the virus.

Durban next advertised in the ME newsletter. She asked for replies only from those who had first been diagnosed as suffering from the Epstein-ME, while most bounce back to normal in a few months.

Barr virus, a member of the herpes family. Now, more "Everybody may know than 100 letters later, she somebody who has had fiercely guards the writers glandular fever," White says, identities, but can talk of ended careers, broken marriages, lack of concentration,

fatigue and depression. Although the Epstein-Barr

that on ME," he explains, "is that we shall be looknot recover in the teenage/university years and corded in sufferers aged up to Margaret Dur-

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playing schoolboy, for instance, whose near constant symptoms of depression and atigue have stayed with him for 24 years; the mother of two young children whose nine years of exhaustion, painful joints and irritability have had blissful remission only while pregnant and breast-feeding.

"I certainly don't want to scare people who have caught glandular fever," Durban says. I want to tell those who are taking much longer than, say, six months or a year to get better, that they are not alone. Their symptoms are not just

agnosed as suffering from glandular fever and who have taken longer than six months to make a full recovery are Bartholomew's study, via Margaret Durban. Send a SAE to Glandular Fever Research Project, PO Box 767, London

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Fourteen years ago Clive Ashby, the former English rugby scrum-half, swapped an interest in the leather pill-shaped ball for shiny oval tablets. Clive, aged 37, was playing with his usual verve ogen 37, was pasying with his assault vive for an English veterans team when he developed a sudden gripping, heavy pain in his chest which rapidly spread down his arms. It was so severe that he was mable to stand, and vomited on the pitch. Team-mate Billy Treadwell, a dentist, suspected that Clive was having a coronary thrembosis and took him immediately to a local doctor, another regby-playing crony, who confirmed that

it was a beart attack. Since then Clive has had two transient ischaemic attacks, the minor fleeting strokes made famous by Lord White-law's troubles last Christmas, and more recently a second thrombosis. However, he is no more inclined to capitulate to illness than he was to the Scottish forwards at Murrayfield, and so after extensive bypass surgery he is back at his managing director's deak.

The root cause of his arterial trouble is

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

familial hyperlipidaemia. Clive is now taking simvastatin (Zocor), the new cholesterol-lowering drug which acts by inhibiting cholestorol synthesis.

The Ashbys, like many other families, have an hereditary tendency to a high serum cholesterol. Clive's father died at 51 of a pulmonary embolism, a clot in the artery of the lang; his brother Brian, aged 54, has also had a heart bypass, and his younger brother David, MP for Northwest Leicestershire, has had a raised cholesterol. Two of Clive's three daugh-ters have a seriously raised cholesterol as well. They are lucky that their blood was tested while they were still teenagers so that they were able to alter their diet and lifestyles to reduce the chances of developing arterial disease in early

that if diet, exercise and rejection of tobacco do not lower the cholesterol level to safe limits, there are new drugs just completing clinical trial which will soon unpleasant taste and seems to be free of the gastro-intestinal side effects which were so unpleasant in earlier drugs taken to lower serum fats.

Zocor interferes with the enzyme arteries also start to become diseased.

become generally available. It is hoped that these will be able to reduce cholesterol levels by 25 to 50 per cent. Zocor, which has been prescribed for Clive, has not passed all its pre-release stages, but if all goes well it will soon become generally available. Unlike earlier cholesterol-lowering drugs it need only be taken once a day it has no only be taken once a day, it has no

systems which manufacture the cholesterol and is a revolutionary advance in the control of heart disease. This means that it is even more important that children (and other close relatives) of people who have had early heart attacks have their blood tested before their

TB or not TB?



necks of the pre-war generation at any gathering will usually reveal that one or two

domens X-rayed, some would also show areas of calcification where tubercular glands have healed around their guts. TB of the neck and abdomen usually resulted from carry the scars of tubercular drinking milk infected with

glands removed in childhood.

If these patients could be persuaded to have their ab-

bovine tuberculosis. Pasteurized milk, routine testing of danger to Britain's dairy dairy herds associated with a herds, and hence public vaccination against TB, and rarely seen today.

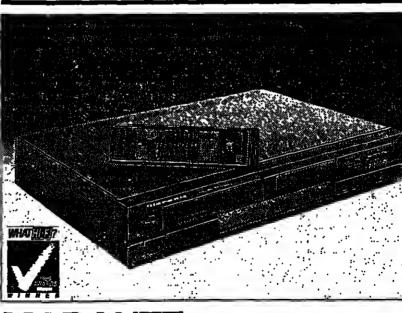
vigorous slaughter policy, health, has appeared. Red together with an improved deer, farmed for their meat, standard of living, BCG have proved to be very susceptible to bovine tuberculosis The disease, introduced by modern drugs, have meant The disease, introduced by that this type of tuberculosis is Hungarian deer brought in to improve British stock, has spread rapidly. In one Sussex herd 75 per cent of the deer when tested by sensitive blood tests, rather than the less sensitive skin tests adequate for cows, have shown positive results: they either have, or

Recently, however, a new

have had, bovine tuberculosis. Naturalists, doctors, farmers, veterinary surgeons and deer breeders all want stringent measures to be taken to deal with these pools of infection which could spread into, and threaten, wild deer and badgers as well as cattle. They feel that the Government's present proposal to deal with the situation by making TB in deer a notifiable disease, and the infected herd subject to movement restriction orders, is inadequate. The deer farmers want to see a compulsory slaughter with compensation policy introduced. It seems to them to be illogical for the Government to have at-tempted to annihilate badgers because of their tendency to develop bovine TB, and yet to tolerate it in farmed deer. (Incidentally, properly cooked venison cannot carry

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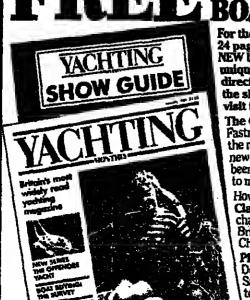


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ALAN COREN

ay what you like about the Duke of Edinburgh, when it comes to address-ing life's prime cruces there is no chap I would rather have at my elbow. The First Man - if Denis Thatcher will forgive me has a knack of winkling out the nub of things which leaves the lesser thinker breathless.

Take last Tuesday, when, in one of his jollier fulminations, he drew a remarkable distinction anent the manufacture of meat. The philippic pith was couched, admittedly, in an analogy about wives and prostitutes so convoluted as to leave even the smartest of structuralists crawling on all fours towards the nearest vodka, but his point, when it came, was needle-sharp. The world, according to the great consort, was split up into hunters and butchers: hunters did it for fun, butchers did it for money.

It meant — this is often the way with major truths — little to me at the time. But a week on, it means everything. Last Saturday, I went, for the first time in my life, shooting. More accurately - a word for which the day itself turned out to have scant use - I went walking behind a number of gentlemen who had gone shooting.

They were a convivial and charming

group, drawn neither from the ornithocidal gentry who grow misty for the days when George V would shoot his own weight in woodcock before his first cheroot had dwindled, nor from the yuppie-come-latelies who have learned to fire one-handed in order to remain in unbroken portaphone contact with the Hong Kong bourse, but from the genial ranks of decent sporting business folk able respectably to raise £300 for a day's banging away.

ndeed, the whole affair was manifestly businesslike, keynoted by a locale which could hardly have been a further cry from the romantic wildness of the sporting aquatint, sited as it was in the permanent lee of Fawley oil refinery. The day saw eight different drives, hut every drive saw Fawley's towering concrete. Since our little platoon was ported from drive to drive in the back of a Land Rover, and since at each halt the vehicle debouched a dozen men in khaki jackets who immediately began firing in the general direction of the oil industry. our party resembled nothing so much as a small band of guerrillas dropped into suhurban Hampshire by an unnamed foreign power and committed to striking at the heart of Britain's energy.

What they were firing in the specific direction of, however, was pheasant, Bred to die, the hand-fed targets amhled from cover, hopped up briefly in the air, and flapped slowly into a barrage of pellets which accounted, astonishingly, for very few of them. Those struck fell around me to lie like feathered reticules, whereupon highly trained dogs began running away from them. I took Prince Philip's point immediately. It was enormous fun, if you liked that sort of thing.

t the end of the shoot, I was, though a non-combatant, generously given a brace of pheasant, cock and hen strung together at the neck in a rather touching eternal embrace. I put them in the boot. When I arrived home, I hung them on a nail in the garage, and invited my wife to

They appear to be full," she said. "Yes, they come down like that," I said expertly. "You have to pluck the outside stuff off and pull the inside stuff out."

She went back into the house. I looked at the pheasants for a hit.



'Let's hope there's no small print preventing them from paying up'

y local butcher. Mr Kingsland, shook his head. "This time of year" he said. "Couldn't touch it. There's just me and the boy." "Couldn't touch it," said the boy, "this time of year."

"Any other time," said Mr Kingsland. "There's all these turkeys," said the boy. I came out of the shop into West End

Lane. It was Monday, and the weather was warm, but the pheasant were all right, so far. A few feathers fell out when I put them back in the boot. I tried four other butchers on the way to

my office and three on the way home. It turned out to be this time of year. Only one, the Al Madina in Crawford Street, went mad: simply walking into a halal butcher's with a couple of moulting cadavers can render the entire premises unholy, apparently. You learn something every day.

When I opened the boot on Tuesday afternoon outside Somers & Kirby, Connaught Street, to which a kindly but otherwise unhelpful soul in Selfridge's had directed me, something was definitely up. You did not need to be a bloodhound. I carried them in, at arm's length.

"Could you come back Friday?" said either Somers or Kirby. "Can't promise,

I looked at the pheasants. More feathers

T is Wednesday, as I write. The pheasants

are back on the pail. Ian McCaskill has

just said the weather is unseasonally warm, but I already knew. I have made more phone calls today, and there's something else I know. Which is that the gulf between hunters and butchers would appear to be wider even than the Duke's steely perception can encompass. Butchers don't even do it for money, if

comeone else has done it for fire

In commenting on the failure of the Ryan extradition request I will start by making a present to those whom the Irish Attorney General's decision infuriated: I think that in blocking an arrest, after he was satisfied that there was a genuine British intention

to prosecute backed by adequate evidence, he probably exceeded his legal powers. Although it is true that he has

a general role in representing the public interest, his role in the extradition process is limited, I would think to examining requests on the specific criteria clear intention plus sufficient evidence - laid down by the 1987 Extradition (Amendment) Act; and I do not think he can supplement these by further tests related to any one of an indefinite array of constitutional values. This does not mean that such values cannot be invoked in extradition as in any other process; but I think the High Court is the place for doing this.

Even if the warrants had been endorsed and the arrest had taken place, Ryan would still have had two weeks in which to go to that court on either statntory or constitutional grounds; and if necessary, on appeal from it, to the Supreme Court. These courts have in the last 20 years built up a very large

John Kelly explains the thinking behind the extradition refusal

Ryan: why Dublin said no

"fair procedures"; and I would be very surprised, on the evidence of the atmosphere generated in Britain in the last two weeks, if they thought that "fair procedures" were assured in the

That atmosphere arises, to quote the Attorney General, in part from "media attacks on Patrick Ryan's general character, often expressed in intemperate language and frequently in the form of extravagantly-worded headlines, and also assertions of his guilt of the offences comprised in the warrants - and, indeed, assertions of his guilt of other offences in respect of which no charges have been brought"; as well as from the similar tenor of words used in the House of Commons to which maximum publicity naturally

How likely is it, after all this, that the ordinary process of jury selection could throw up twelve

body of doctrine about citizens' jurors with minds still quite constitutional entitlement to open about Patrick Ryan? If either of the Irish superior courts came, as seems to me very likely, to the conclusion that it could not, it would order the prisoner's release. Therefore even if the Attorney General was not entitled to take the line he did on Tuesday, the end result from the British point of view would probably have been the same.

That result ought not to be imputed, as The Times leading article of yesterday imputes it, to "political cowardice". The Attorney General, though in practice appointed by the Taoiseach and dismissible by him, is an independent person whose office is defined in the Constitution, and is in no sense subject, in the day-to-day discharge of his functions, to direction from the Government. I know nothing of what goes on in Mr Haughey's cabinet; but I would be sorry to think, and must say I do not believe, that an Attorney Gen-eral would make so little of his

office as to take orders about how to exercise it. If he has overexerted his powers on this occasion, I believe it is in response to an honest belief for which in fact quite serious arguments, based on modern Irish constitutional law, can be

Two other very important matters arise. First, the Attorney General's statement contained the specific charge that not only on this but on a previous occasion the material used in British media presentations of background on pending extra-dition requests could have come only from some official British source, that he expressed concern about this to the British Attorney General, and that the latter accepted that this concern was justified.

This quite specific charge calls for a specific response. If this is not forthcoming or is not satisfactory, the British authorities will appear deliberately to have colinded with the media in generating the atmosphere which makes the possibility of a fair trial seem so remote.

Secondly, what can now be done, since extradition is ruled out? There remains Ireland's Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976, under which persons accused of certain offences in Northern Ireland, or (broadly, where explosives are involved) in Britain, can be tried by an Irish court. Here yesterday's leading article is plain wrong, on two counts.

The initiative in invoking this Act lies, as it must lie, with the Northern Ireland and British authorities, and if surprisingly little use has been made of it, it is they and not we who are called on to explain why. The state-ment that the Act "has not been notably successful in the past", if related to the trials which actually have taken place under it, is nonsense; of 13 persons so tried, 10 have been convicted and eight of those given very heavy sentences.

The readers of The Times are told in the same breath that, if media and partiamentary comments have made a fair trial in Britain impossible, they must equally have done so here, where British papers freely circulate and British broadcasts are widely received, so that even an Irish jury "would be bound to be unfairly prejudiced". But juries are not used here in cases where subversive violence is implicated; these go to a special criminal court consisting of three experienced judges, well immunized against taking any notice of noises from tabloids or from parliaments.

The Irish Attorney General, in the closing sentences of his statement, admitted that the charges in this case are most serious, and ought to be tried; and virtually invited the British prosecuting authorities to consider bow many of them might be fit to be preferred here under the 1976 Act. If this invitation is neglected, it may be that further adverse conclusions will be drawn here about British good faith; and a further burden placed upon the tender growth of the Hillsborough Agreement. The author represents Dublin South in the Dail and was a minister and previously Attorney General in Fine Gael-Labour coalition governments.

Mary Dejevsky

Shockwaves from Armenia

s Armenians start to rebuild their lives after last week's earthquake come the first political tremors. At national and republic level, a wave of dismissals must be

expected and the Soviet Union's huge civil defence system reorga-nized. Criticism of the delay in organizing and co-ordinating the relief effort was reinforced yesterday with the remark reportedly made by the health minister, Yevgeny Chazov, that the civil defence operation had "demonstrated its complete bankruptcy".
In theory, the Soviet civilian

population is one of the best prepared for war or natural disaster. Among its many tasks, the ubiquitous civil defence organization Dosaaf (an acronym for the voluntary society for assisting the army, air force and navy) organizes civil defence training for most school-children, leading some western observers to believe that the Soviet Union is virtually on a permanent war footing. Girls learn first aid, and boys are prepared - with drill and famil-iarization with weapons - for their two years' compulsory military service. But in the past week all this effort has produced little effect. Indeed, the fact that many children find the training an unwelcome chore may have made it more of a hindrance

than a help. Already, newspaper editorials are citing new heroes and new models of personal conduct which require people to lead rather than follow, take the initiative without waiting for authorization, and show an imaginative approach to solving

problems. In fairness, the earthquake destroyed most government of-fices and hospitals in the worst-hit areas, killing many of those who would have co-ordinated rescue and evacuation. But this is unlikely to prevent the authorities in Armenia being

blamed for not baving made

adequate preparations for a disaster of this kind and for responding too slowly. Even six days after the earthquake, Nikolai Ryzhkov, the prime minister and chairman of the Politburo commission, was saying that insufficient local resources were being directed to the disaster area. The Armenian party leader, Suren Arutyunyan, and his colleagues will also be blamed for any inadequacies found in seismological surveys of the region and in building.

So far, judging from official reports, little blame has been attached to the central leadership. The Ryzhkov commission, along with the health minister and the defence minister, Dmitri Yazov, probably represent the biggest concentration of senior officials to arrive so promptly in a Soviet disaster area.

Mr Gorbachov's authority, meanwhile, is undiminished. If anything, it has been enhanced. By cutting short his foreign tour to visit the disaster area and to be seen on television listening to the complaints of survivors and rescue workers, he did something none of his predecessors had ever done he behaved like a. national leader.

picked the Politburo commission. Those Polithuro members rumoured to be less enthusiastic about his reform programme, Yegor Ligachov and Lev Zaykov in particular.

or all that, during his visit to the disaster area Gorbachov had to parry shouted criticism by carthquake survivors: it was all very well for him to visit Armenia now, he was told, but where had he been when Armenians were being killed in neighbouring Azerbaijan earlier in the year?

Many Armenians do not believe they are being told the whole truth about the disaster. They resented the discrepancy between the first local estimates of 80,000 dead and the first



official figure of 40-45,000 and believe the number will in fact exceed 80,000.

They also blame the central authorities for the delay in mounting the relief operation and for its initial inefficiency. In this, they see not only the hand of Moscow, but indirectly also the hand of their enemies in Azerbaijan.

Moscow's refusal during the summer to countenance Armenia's demand for the transfer of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan has led many Armenians to regard Moscow and Azerbaijan as being in collusion.

However even-handed Gor-bachov tried to make his criti-

cism of both sides in the dispute at the weekend, and however loudly he insists - as he did then - that it is morally reprehensible to link the territorial dispute and the earthquake, Armenians see the fate of Nagorno-Karabakh as indicative of his attitude, and

many are unhappy.

Last Sunday, Armenian anger
was expressed in a mass demonstration in Yerevan. It had been planned with three aims: to protest against the delays in the earthquake relief operation, to demand that Armenia should not accept any aid from Azerbaijan, and to protest against the rumoured permanent evacuation of Armenian children to Russia. The

previous evening, however, seven of the organizers were arrested under a new regulation: inciting ethnic discord, which carries a standard 30-day period of detention.

The demonstration went ahead - according to the army paper Krasnaya Zvezda yes-terday, more than 2,000 people took part - but the three original points of protest were subordinated to the single aim of freeing the arrested leaders. The gathering was broken up as an illegal demonstration and more arrests.

were made. The "special state" declared in Yerevan, which is virtually marcurfew, which had been lifted

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when the troops enforcing it were transferred to earthquake relief, was reimposed. The day after the demonstration, the Yerevan military command broadcast an announcement of the arrests and an appeal for "calm, observance of order and the regulations in force, for restraint and common seuse". Reports from Yerevan now say the city is very tense.

any Armenians say publicly that the disaster is so great that differences with Azerbaijan should be forgotten in the relief effort. But others tell western reporters that the earthquake and the response to it in Moscow and Azerbaijan show how important it is to continue the fight for Nagorno-Karabakh, Their animosity is fuelled by the "poison" greetings telegrams sent to some Armenians on the disaster and reports that Azeris held street celebrations when they heard the news and set fire to Armenian-occupied houses in Azerbaijan when troops were transferred to the relief opera-

Wild rumours have been spread: that Azeris are holding up relief supplies at the Armenian border, that non-Armenians will be drafted into the republic on the pretext of earthquake reconstruction and that the evacuation of people from the afflicted areas is only a cover for the permanent deportation of Armenians to Siberia.

In the extreme conditions following the earthquake, Na-gorno-Karabakh still stands as a symbol of Armenian aspirations. The more distant it seems, the more obstacles are placed in the way, the more fiercely Armenian longing for it burns. Now, more than at any time since the massacres by the Turks of 1915. Armenians need a dream. The territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. populated by Armenians, misused by Azerbaijan and denied them by Moscow, gives them

Flowers"), with which the Tus-

can capital had chosen to adorn

herself on this festive occasion.

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Anything but Labour

Whatever the Epping by-election result tells us about the current mood of Epping voters, its message will be nowhere near as informative about the basic condition of British politics as the opinion polls are. Answering a polister's questions is a more precise exercise. Other things being equal, most of us have a natural urge to answer questions about our opinions honestly, if only because our opinions are among our proudest personal possessions.

Asked by a polister what we think about the Government's policies we tell him the truth. Why oot? Likewise, when we are asked about how we would vote if an election were held now, we tend to say what we feel at present, even though we may change our minds later. Mr and Mrs Majority are

telling the pollsters now that they do not think much of a number of the Government's policies and attitudes, including the Chancellor's conduct of the economy. They are pessimistic about its prospects of improvement next year, and sceptical about the reliance on high interest rates. They also dislike the privatization plans for water and electricity; are critical of education and housing policy; and remain hostile to the poll tax. Nor is Mrs Thatcher personally deeply loved. Yet it is also made clear that if a general election were held now she

would be back in office. There is, however, nothing new in this paradox. The same pattern has held throughout this parliament. Mrs Thatcher has repeatedly encountered hostility over particular policies, the discontent over social security and health spending, for instance, Yet it has throughout been clear that she would neverthless be re-

Of course, a government often cies during a parliament and is still returned to power at the end of it. But dislike of policies is for a time, at least, usually reflected in a fall in support measured by voting intentions. The public's present clear-sighted recognition that it would stay with the Government, even when disliking its policies, can mean only one thing the majority's rejec-tion of Labour is fundamental to the attitudes of the political

Despite Mr Kinnock's revisionism, including Labour's relegation of old-style nationalization and its acceptance (however grudging) of a place for the market in the economy, and despite its promises of more generous public spending on health and social provision, the majority remains unconverted.

Labour's plight has a certain

potential resemblance to the state of politics during the long Whig hegemony between 1714 and the 1760s, when the old Tories were consigned to the opposition benches because they were considered unelectable. The political nation rejected them on account of the ragbag of attitudes associated with their original dislike of the 1714 sculement (even though the revolution of 1688 could never have been made without them). They were also (less than fairly) stigmatized for Jacobite sympathies. Above all, they were seen not to be emotionally comfortable with the new order

of things, having never quite

shed their hankering for an

older, more mystical, view of the

Crown's authority. They were

In the Labour Party today, for "Jacobitism" read "socialism". The leftists mesmerize themselves by saying that Labour has been defeated because of too little rather than too much socialism. But the Labour front bench knows that the reverse is true. So do the Marxist revisionists (the "Filofax Marxists") whose opinions are reflected in Marxism Today and elsewhere. which is why some of them are attracted to the idea of socialism by the back door of proportional representation, in alliance with other opposition groups. PR is seen as a potential servant by many would-be masters.

This understanding also underlies the attitude of the show business people, leftist journalists and academics and Democrat politicians who have signed the pledge for PR and an entrenched Bill of Rights under the title of Charter 88. Labour has at least had the good sense to reject both panaceas. Yet even some of Mr Kinnock's closest supporters now see pacts with other opposition parties as

Labour's only hope. So why should Labour be in a plight that so many of its sympathizers regard as desperate? The explanation is that the public does not trust the ability of the party's leaders in Parliament to control the activists whose social attitudes. from the ILEA to Liverpool and

from Haringev to the unions, are witness to a rooted hostility to what has been changed and achieved with public approval since 1979. As Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU has made clear this

week, the activists will fight the

retreat from total unilateralism all the way, and they can also be expected to fight the leadership On the other reformist fronts, including the economy.

The nation will not elect a party which makes proposals of convenience from the head to which the heart is not committed. It wishes to consign the older style of socialism to history. Nor will votes be won by the rhetoric of the Charter 88 kind which pretends that this is so arbitrary a government as to be controllable only by the entrenched clauses of a new Bill of Rights. The people know very well that they can deal with Mrs Thatcher, if they choose, by turning her out, and their in-stinct will tell them that a Bill of Rights would only enshrine the interpretative power of the judges (itself arbitrary) over the elected parliament.

They do not, however, contemplate turning Mrs Thatcher out because they see a really malevolent kind of arbitrariness dogging Mr Kinnock's footsteps in the Labour Party. When they observe the left rebelling against his decision to abstain on the Prevention of Terrorism Bill rather than vote against it, so as not to oppose the confiscation of terrorists' funds - they find their understanding of Labour's instincts confirmed.

Mr Kinnock may not be brilliant at his job. He does not greatly impress the public. But it is the party, not its leader, which is condemned. Mrs Thatcher has cause to be grateful. Confronted by a genuinely social democratic Labour Party, a Tory government whose prospective policies for the rest of this parliament commanded so little enthusiasm might not sieep quite so easily.

ON THIS DAY

Amadeus, Duke of Aosta and second son of Victor Emmanuel, was so unpopular with the Spanish people that he abdicated after three years on the throne when civil war threatened

THE SPANISH DEPUTATION IN FLORENCE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
FLORENCE, Dec 7

What a delightful task it would be for some modern Pepys to describe the festivities we are now witnessing here in honour of the Spanish Deputation sent to offer the Throne of Ferdinand and Isabella to Amadeo di Savoial And, alas! how far less delightful must be that of those unfortunate Hidelgos intrusted with the solemn mission, the chief actors in the play! Ever since their first arrival in Florence at midday on Saturday last, in full gala dress and glittering with stars, up to this evening (Wednesday), they can scarcely have had a moment's breathing time. Nor are they yet at the end of their arduous undertaking, for this evening is set sport for a municipal banquet and soine, and sundry other entertainments - such as dinners, operatic gala performances, &c. — are yet to be inflicted upon them, which will doubtless give them plenty of opportunities for pronouncing high-flown speeches and toests in true Castilian. It is hardly necessary for me to assure you that this city has not belied her traditional reputation for hos-pitality and elegant refinement. Nothing could have been more better teste then the profuse decoration of flowers, illustrative

of the name of Fiorenza ("City of

Sunday morning combined to lend an additional and unusual cherm of quaint picturesquene to the gigantic bouquets which lined the quays and principal streets, and the festoons of garlands stretching from one lamp-post to another all along the Lung Arno and the chief thoroughfares through which the Deputies of the Spenish Cortes had to drive on their road from their hotel to Palazzo Pitti. "You see," was the arch remark of a witty Italian high dignitary to a Northern diplomatist, "we are not able to get on without the North, we poor Latin nations, and are not even able to calebrate a fête in our own countries among ourselves without having to pay tribute to that powerful, victorious North, who pays us a visit in the shape of snow flakes." And, to. be sure, allusions to the Latin race of this kind are not only frequent in recurrence, but form a chief topic of convergation in all Italian circles just now. A great. deal is said on the subject, and it is only to be hoped that the nation will preserve enough calm judgment and practical sense in their political appreciations not to allow mere philological the-ories and ethnological consid-erations to interfere too largely in their management of public affairs to the detriment of their own vital interests. You may, however, rest assured that the only thing which reconciles the Italians to some very serious drawbacks, which they are beginning to descry, in the exaltation of one of their Royal Princes to a foreign throne is the strong feeling of the solidarity existing between the different branches of the so-called Latin race, and the necessity (as it appears to them) of strengthening the bonds of unity between them in the presence of the recently-attained Teutonic supremacy in Europe.

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EARTHQUAKES AND EGGS

The Armenian earthquake is a fearful tragedy and there is nothing funny about Salmonella enteritides. Yet there was a surrealist character which verged on the blackly humorous about the report in The Times yesterday that British egg producers are to send to Armenia a million of the eggs which are unsold as a result of the salmonella scare. It does, to say the least, put the egg matter in a kind of perspective.

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On the one hand, we have a million eggs that can be sent to the victims of the Armenian earthquake, in the certain knowledge that they will do good which wholly outweighs any infinitesimal health risk attached.

On the other, we have the fact that these million eggs and very many more have been unsold as a result of the fears which the Department of Health has not exactly discouraged and for the scale of which its junior minister, Mrs Currie, is largely responsible.

Public, medical and government concern had been voiced about the risk of a new strain of salmonella related to eggs before Mrs Currie spoke. But it was Mrs Currie's breezy statement that "most of the egg production in this country is, sadly, now infected with salmonella" that precipitated the egg-consumers' strike and reduced egg consumption by about 60 per cent, threatening producers with ruin and their workers with the redundancy which some Tory MPs would like Mrs Currie to share.

That statement infuriated the Minister of Agriculture, Mr John MacGregor, whose producer-orientated department reflects the anxieties of the threatened industry. He has virtually contradicted Mrs Currie, declaring that "it is not the case that most eggs are infected."

Yet whatever he thinks of her precise phraseology, Mrs Currie was not disowned or rebuked by her Secretary of State, Mr Kenneth Clarke, and is apparently supported by her department, which represents the health of egg consumers and the medical profession which is supposed to guard it.

Moreover, fresh eggs have been taken off some hospital menus. The majority of eggeaters seem to have decided that, even though the statistical risk to any individual of being infected by salmonella is small, the individuals unlucky enough to get it might just be

This confusion is chiefly the responsibility of the Government departments involved. The new voluntary code of practice for the keeping and feeding of hen-laying eggs was plainly an inadequate public reassurance. Now, after prolonged negotiations between the Departments of Agriculture and Health, in the atmosphere of two rival powers on the brink of conflict, an advertising campaign has been announced.

On balance, it seems to represent more of a victory for Health (and the doctors) than for Agriculture (and the producers.) Though reminded of the nutritious advantages of eggs and the very small risk of infection, we are nevertheless told (as the Chief Medical Officer has already advised) not to eat raw eggs, which seems to apply whatever our state of health.

But if we think we are healthy we can eat them cooked as usual. It is not entirely clear whether this is chiefly because even light cooking is some protection or because the infection is no great risk to the fit. It is not new, nor is it exactly the clearest advice to people confused by the statistics and about the facts.

On one level, the whole affair can be studied with academic interest by the students of the relationship of interest groups with rival Whitehall departments, each of which has its "clients" to whose cause it is more dedicated than to abstract truth.

Or the affair might be seen as a series of damage limitation exercises by politicians and officials as ignorant as everyone else about where precisely the balance of truth lies. On the substance of the matter, each citizen must still make up his own mind. The Government's aim for the future should be to equip itself with rather more scientific facts to share with the public. Its ministers could make earlier use of the machinery which exists for co-ordinating Government pronouncements on health.

MUSEUM MINIMA

There will, inevitably, be occasions when a picture, a book or some artefact from the great national collections is invisible to public eyes: when it is undergoing the work of conservation or cataloguing, or is in transit between one gallery or museum and another. In a well-kept collection their number should be at a minimum; their absence should be regretted and its duration kept as short as possible. For though the national collections, specifically the British and Victoria and Albert museums. have essential obligations to the community of scholars and experts who view in private, it is difficult to conceive that they have any obligation less pressing than public availability and an inescapable commitment to a policy of open shelves and open galleries.

The charge that they have failed to meet that obligation gives yesterday's report from the Public Accounts Committee its force, and allows its chairman, Mr Robert Sheldon, to allege that there has been a breakdown in the proper stewardship of national assets. It is a forceful critique, which requires a convincing response from Mr Richard Luce and his colleagues in the Government, Capitalizing on the National Audit Office's report of March this year, the PAC asks some clear questions which the curators of the national collections have not yet answered: why pursue an active acquisitions policy when the existing store of treasures is so badly conserved? Backlogs in conservation; poor storage conditions; unsystematic inventories: these are serious charges, that speak ill of the nation's sense of its past and its pride in preserving the qualitative expression of its artists and artisans.

What is to be done? Not for the first time, both the auditors and their parliamentary spokesmen prove to be excellent critics, but rather unimaginative analysts of public policy. Their first suggestion is unexceptionable. No

curator can operate successfully on an annual basis; the keepers of the national collections need the financial freedom to undertake longer-run programmes of cataloguing and conservation. The notion of apportioning a priority to items in the collections and trading off new acquisitions against items in stock is more problematic.

What ought to be the acquisitions policy of the V & A or the British Museum? The answer is a hard decision: if for whatever reason the museums cannot display their treasures, then surely they ought to divest themselves of pieces to collections (abroad?) which can make more

Before then, however, the Government has to speak more resolutely than it has to date about the future of investment in these collections. They are of course highly significant items in the tourism budget as well as appurtenances of a civilized, and historically conscious country. Buildings are one item, and staffing is another. Mr Luce possibly has to recognize that the time has come when the Government's proper concern for aggregate numbers of employees in the public service is actually doing damage to national institutions and that the time has come to stop turning the

If the Government were to decide that the United Kingdom was too well endowed with national collections of arts and artefacts and that public policy should no longer concern itself with, say, the V & A, that would at least represent a clear-cut decision. But as long as these collections remain - and they should - a public charge, gathered together and exhibited for the edification and joy of the British public and foreign visitors, then the Government should accept that certain minimum costs have to be borne. The PAC gives useful guidance on what those minima are.

A FEUD BETWEEN BROTHERS

The general strike which paralysed Spain yesterday was a political trial of strength similar to the one which the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, successfully mounted two years ago over Spanish membership of Nato. This time, be has not emerged unscathed. An estimated 7.8 million people, half the workforce, responded to what had become a popular vote of confidence in Senor González' Socialist Workers' Party.

The Government had, on the face of it, all the good arguments. The direct focus of the strike was its plan to reduce youth unemployment - the highest in Europe, in a country whose overall unemployment is falling but where 19 per cent of the workforce is still jobless - by subsidizing employers to take on young people at the minimum wage on shortterm contracts. Everybody agrees that special measures are needed to find young people jobs. Señor Nicolas Redondo, the fiery leader of the socialist union, the UGT, appeared to have picked weak ground on which to bring his simmering quarrel with his old friend Senor González to a head.

Accusing the Government of seeking to pack Spain's factories with cheap non-union labour, the UGT forged an unprecedented alliance with the Communist trade union, the CCOO, to call the general strike, Spain's first since 1934. In the past few weeks, the grounds of the confrontation have broadened: the unions have mobilized resentments over declining purchasing power, and played on the uncertainties created by modernization after

decades of paternalistic dictatorship. The parallel is not with Britain in the late 1970s. Despite yesterday's huge turn-out, Spanish unions are not over-mighty subjects with well-entrenched powers. They are young

- Franco's Spain banned unions along with the right to strike - and underfunded. The essence of the political dispute is that, as in France, the unions feel betrayed by a socialist Government dedicated to market policies.

The UGT and the Socialist Workers' Party have, as the party's name implies, been blood brothers. Señor González owes his leadership of the party to Senor Redondo. The UGT owes many of its members' jobs to systematic Government favouritism which has made whole sectors of the civil and public services UGT preserves. The showdown has all the characteristics of a blood feud.

In economic terms, Señor González could have chosen to ignore a 24-hour strike. Instead, and characteristically, he took up the political challenge. He staked his prestige on a low turnout, inviting Spaniards to choose between being Europeans and Latin Americans. No European country, he said, had had a general strike in 20 years; Argentina had suffered 13 in the last five. To strike would be to show political immaturity. The UGT fought its corner with equal ferocity, expelling union leaders who opposed the strike call.

In retrospect, Sedor González would seem on this occasion to have chosen an unsuitable style for the right message. The right to strike is also, after all, a symbol to Spaniards of the country's modernization. The turn-out is as much a verdict on the Prime Minister's perceived arrogance as it is on the ostensible issues of wages and job security. The strike is thus a salutory reminder to Señor González that politicians are fallible. But the relationship between the Government and the UGT has been too cosy for Spain's good, and it will be a setback for the country if he loses the war as well as this round in the battle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Egg fears placed in perspective

From Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for East Kent (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, "Hens face slaughter as egg sales drop" (*Times* headline, December 10). When a Government minister pronounces that "most British egg production was infected with salmonella", it occasions considerable alarm. The public and the industry concerned have a right to expect either that such a statement is backed by facts, or that it will be withdrawn with equivalent publicity.

Having been to some lengths to ascertain the facts, I have found oo evidence from official or unofficial sources to back up the ministerial statement quoted.

In 1988 there have been on average 1,000 known cases a month of salmonella food poisooing. Of these, about 100 cases could be linked to eggs. Tests on flocks suspected of association with cases revealed an infection rate of 1 to 2 per cent. Random tests on other flocks revealed not a single egg - i.e., zero infection. A major egg producer has recently tested 1,500 eggs at random, again with a zero infectioo result.

Io Britain we produce some 30 million eggs a day. Perhaps 15 million a day are eaten in a lightly cooked or uncooked form - 450 million a month. Comparison with the 1,000 cases a month suggests that one egg in every 450,000 may give rise to a case of salmonella poisoning. To put this graphically, if you, Sir, were to eat an egg a day for the next 1,000 years you might get a turning upset on one occasion.

Life is not and never will be risk-free. We are surrounded by germs. The annual risk of serious injury in a road accident is higher than the risk of one tummy upset through a raw egg for someone who eats one a day for a year.

Today an important industry is suffering a catastrophe, with sales down by up to 60 per cent (report, December 12), largely because of an exaggerated statement. It is time the Government corrected the record,

Yours faithfully CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent. December 14.

From Mr James Behrens Sir, It's as clear as eggs are eggs that I shall have to find some other expression to use when I'm sure about something. Yours faithfully, JAMES BEHRENS, 13 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2,

Clapham rail crash

December 13.

From Mr Rainer Burchett Sir, One factor that must not be overlooked in the enquiries into the Clapham rail disaster is the lack of voice communication in the driver's cab.

The driver of the first train apparently noticed the faulty signal and stopped his train in order to find a telephone to report the fault. Clearly a telephone or radio link would have enabled him to communicate more quickly and could well have avoided the disaster altogether.

Even if signalling can be im-proved to be completely fail-safe, other emergencies can arise, such as fallen trees or other obstructions on the line, which will be better dealt with by direct commu-

nication. Yours faithfully, R. BURCHETT, 29 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Hertfordshire. December 13.

The training circle From the Director-General of the Association of British Chambers of

Commerce Sir, You rightly call on chambers of commerce (leading article, December 6) to react quickly to the opportunities presented by the Government's White Paper on training. While chambers may frequently act as a catalyst for the setting up of Training and Enterprise Councils, their involvement must be of a wider nature.

The councils, composed mainly of senior local businessmen, represent an admirable advance towards training that is sensitive to local oeeds. But business involvement must not stop with the council itself.

If the new bodies are oot to become local quangos, distant from and insensitive to the needs of business generally, the entire husiness community, focused on its chamber of commerce, must have an input into the council's decisions. To succeed, the councils will need to tap into existing networks. Yours faithfully

R. G. TAYLOR, Director-General. The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 212a Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2. December 14.

Infant deaths

From the Chief Executive of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

Sir, The report (details, December 14) of the all-party committee of MPs on perinatal, neonatal, and infant mortality focused our attention once again on the stark truth that each year babies die suddenly and unexpectedly, and that some such deaths are clearly prevent-

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths is the major funder of research into cot deaths and we

Tighter grip on North Sea fishery From Mr James Provan, MEP for North East Scotland (European species and over a number of

Democrat (Conservative))
Sir, Today's leading article ("The men in the boats", December 13) is a timely reminder of the continued importance of the fishing industry to the north-east of Scotland and to the Scottish

economy as a whole.

The cuts in the cod and haddock quotas are a savage blow to an industry already suffering from the freeze in boat-building grants and facing a substantial bill to bring facilities up to the standards which will be required for it to compete successfully in the single Community market. It would have been far worse if ministers had taken the easy way out of increasing quotas through the creation of "paper" fish.

Our ministers' achievements should be recognised for what they were able to obtain in Brussels not just obtaining the lion's share of the haddock quota, but also the right to follow the mackerel shoals into the North Sea.

While the TAC (total allowable catches) system needs to be strengthened, possibly by setting

Sir, In summing up (leading article, December 10) your excellent series of articles on transport in Londoo you rightly emphasise the need for co-ordinated planning and action. I think that perhaps the general reader will not have realised from those articles how far professional (as opposed to political) thinking has moved in this direction in the last few years. The area assessment studies, for example, are being allowed to take some note of public transport.

surveys is due.

the war against capital chaos. JILLIAN E. BÉARDWOOD,

100 Heath Row, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire. December 11.

From Mr S. P. C. Plowden

This principle was used to assess what proportion of the

Status of Eritrea

From Ms Mary Dines Sir, I am afraid that the Ethiopian Ambassador's letter about the status of Eritrea (December 1) was very economical with the truth. Eritrea was oever part of Ethiopia. Before modern times, parts of the country were occupied by foreign powers, especially the Ottoman Empire. Its only connection with Abyssinia at that time was that some Eritrean chiefs paid tribute to the Tigrayan kings. At no time was there any administration or control of territory by the Abyssinians.

Eritrea was not therefore stolen from Abyssinia by the Italians. It was ceded to Italy as part of the Treaty of Berlin, under which the European powers carved up Africa into European colonies.

Abyssinia was the only African country to take part in what became known as the "scramble for Africa". With the help of European arms, Menelik was able to embark on a conquest of the states to the south of Shoa, then part of a loose-knit Oromo confederation. These people were subjugated with great cruelty. Me-

were disappointed that the important contributions to the know-ledge on sudden infant death (£3 million allocated to over 100

projects) was not acknowledged by the Social Services Committee. We welcome the recommendation that there should be further research into sudden infant death syndrome. Cot deaths are the most common kind of death in the one-

week to two-year age group and Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (01)782 5046.

years, the first requirement is to reduce the catching power of the

In 1987 the UK, along with other member States, agreed to a 3 per cent reduction in tonnage by 1991. The UK fleet is now some 15 per cent over target. The European Community has a scheme for decommissioning ves-sels. Significantly, the country which has applied the scheme most enthusiastically, Denmark, has registered the largest fall in vessel tonnage.

Ireland and the UK, which have not applied the scheme, have seen the greatest increase io tonnage. In conjunction with a tightening up of the vessel licensing arrangements to prevent a build-up of new capacity the UK should now apply the Community decommioning scheme, as a matter of nrgency Yours sincerely.

might be brought about, but,

cootrary to the impression given by the Spectrum article, it did not

conclude that road pricing would

Road pricing is hard to justify

while company car tax coo-cessions and similar fiscal distor-

tions remain. Even if they were all

removed, the report suggested that

a method of restraiot combining

permits and pricing might be preferable to schemes based oo

road pricing alooe. Only certain kinds of people would have the

right to use a car in the centre, but

This method can be thought of

as an extension of the familiar and

accepted residents' parking sch-

emes. The report argues that it would probably be fairer and more

effective than pure road pricing. One advantage is that it should

produce a greater reduction in traffic than either road pricing or

the other restraint methods that have been canvassed, and should therefore do most to improve bus

services, conditions for pedes-

trians and cyclists and the

environment.

December 5.

Yours faithfully

STEPHEN PLOWDEN,

69 Albert Street, NW1.

From Dr Robin Moffat

Blood alcohol test

Sir, Forensic medical prac-

titioners, and police surgeons in particular, will welcome the law lords' timely ruling (Law Report, December 9) that evidence ob-

tained from the back-calculation

of blood alcobol was not barred by

statute, and was admissible when

driver was over the limit.

there was clear evidence that a

The expressed concern of the

understandable because the con-

does not descend evenly, but

varies, depending upoo an in-

dividual's physiology, height, and

weight. However, competent for-

ensic scientists always allow for these factors, and the evidential

figure produced in court is always

inclined in favour of the defendant.

pecially re-offenders), when arr-

ested, try every trick in the book to

delay the sampling of their blood

or urine. The House of Lords'

decision will assist law-enforce-

ment and will save innocent lives

by removing some of the most dangerous drivers from the public

I am, Sir, yours truly, ROBIN MOFFAT (Senior

forensic medical examiner,

Metropolitan Police).

10 Harley Street, WI.

December 12.

highway.

Many intoxicated motorists (es-

they would also have to pay.

JAMES PROVÁN, European Parliament, 97-113 rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. December 13.

be the best.

Transport troubles

From Miss Jillian E. Beardwood

I personally also regret that no space has yet been found to inform that reader of the sterling work done jointly by the statisticians of the Department of Transport and the boroughs to keep available for all concerned as much as possible of the basic transport data held at the time of its abolition by the Greater London Council.

It is, however, the future which matters and it so happens that there is a key date in that future which would influence the timetabling of any administrative changes proposed. This date is 1991, when the fourth in the series of decennial London Transport

The previous three such surveys were the source of many of the facts presented by your recent correspondents and are still used extensively by those concerned with transport in London, A 1991 survey, carried out and subsequently managed and made generally accessible under a new Transport Executive which both used and added to the expertise built up under the old bodies would be a key weapon in

Sir, In his interesting Spectrum article (December 5) Paul Vallely quotes the principle adopted in my recent study for the London Centre for Transport Planning that a car journey should be restrained where "the costs to other road users, in time and money, exceed the benefits to the individual car user".

journeys oow made to central London every merning by car should transfer to public transport. It was shown that the great majority should transfer. The study then compared the various means by which the transfers

nelik acknowledged the Italian occupation of Eritrea by sending a consul to Asmara.

When Ethiopia annexed Eritres in 1962 — in defiance of the United Nations — they did so from self-interest. Eritrea has two good ports, whilst Ethiopia is landlocked, and possessed important natural resources, including oil, which were oot known to be available in Ethiopia at the time. In 1962, of course, Ethiopia was a capitalist state - a fact the Ambassador ignores.

Finally, the Ambassador must have been misinformed about the use of children in his country's army. No doubt Andrew Buckoke (report, November 22) saw many of them when he was in Eritrea recently. I have also seen bun-dreds of Ethiopian prisoners of war who were under military age during visits to Eritrea in the last 10 years. Some had only been 12 or 13 when recruited. Many other journalists and other visitors to Eritrea have also reported on the child conscripts. Yours faithfully. MARY DINES

48 Brownlow Road, N11.

the third largest cause of all child

We know from our parent support groups that the parental shock and bewilderment can be devastating and long-lasting. We hope that in addition to funding research the Government will also consider how we can ensure support is offered to every cot death family with their subsequent babies.

Yours sincerely, ERICA De'ATH, Chief Executive, The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, 15 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Racism revived by 'glasnost'

From Mrs Zaruhi Nalbandyan Sir, I was married in 1983 and came to this country in 1985, the intervening two years being taken up by documentation in getting out of Russia. I am Armenian and spent all my life, apart from the last three years, in Bazu, Azer-baijan. I taught Russian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani in a multicultural school.

From childhood we were taught the concept of internationalism, and so living in that part of the USSR we were unaware of the differences between nations and races. Earlier, although subject to Marxism, it was made clear to us that we were different races, albeit working harmoniously together.

Now, however, under the new regime of perestroika and glasnost, with relaxed control from the Kremlin, the old racial and religious differences are reasserting themsetves. The inference here is obvious - that Marx and Engels. conceiving as they did that mao is merely an economic animal, over-looked his racial and religious

The above is perhaps the greatest weakness in the communist system. Thus, given a free or relaxed system, both racial and religious convictions are bound to assert themselves. It is commonly thought that racism or raceconsciousness is the product of dictatorial or oppressive regimes, e.g., national socialist Germany or apartheid South Africa, yet here we have the reverse effect -relaxation has in fact reawakened

Yours faithfully, ZARUHI NALBANDYAN, 63 Laburnum Road, Fareham, Hampshire. December 8.

both.

A plaque for Pound?

From Dr Alastair Niven and others Sir, It has come to our attention that the London Advisory Committee of English Heritage has declined to make a decision oo a proposal to put up a blue plaque to Ezra Pound on the house where he lived in Kensington Church Walk from 1909 to 1914.

Pound enlarged the scope of the English language . As Donald

Davie has written, Dryden and Keats and, yes, Shake-speare are the appropriate fellows for this poet of our time who magnanimously lent his energies to the language that we all share, rather than bending that language to his own egotistical purposes.

Also, by his generosity of spirit, during the period that he lived in London, Pound had an enormous and beneficial influence on the development of the arts in England. We should be able to dissociate his later political excesses from what is of permanent value in his work.

We, the undersigned, therefore ask English Heritage to reconsider British Medical Association is this proposal with the urgency and sympathy which it merits. centratioo of alcohol in the blood

Yours faithfully, ALASTAIR NIVEN (Director of Literature, Arts Council of Great Britain), MICHAEL ALEXANDER, GEORGE BARKER. WILLIAM BEDFORD, ANNE BERESFORD, ALAN BROWNJOHN, WILLIAM COOKSON. PETER DALE, VALERIE ELIOT, D. J. ENRIGHT, GAVIN EWART. ROY FULLER, DAVID GASCOYNE, MICHAEL HAMBURGER IAN HAMILTON, SEAMUS HEANEY. JOHN HEATH-STUBBS, A I HENDRIKS PETER JAY. ROLAND JOHN, P. J. KAVANAGHL LOTTE KRAMER, PETER LEVI, JOHN LOVEDAY, JEAN MaCVEAN, DEREK MAHON,

W. MOELWYN MERCHANT. W. S. MILNE, PETER PORTER. F. T. PRINCE, CRAIG RAINE, KATHLEEN RAINE, DACHINE RAINER, JEREMY REED, PETER RUSSELL. MICHAEL SCHMIDT, TOM SCOTT, JON SILKIN, CLIFFORD SIMMONS. C. H. SISSON, STEPHEN SPENDER. CHARLES TOMLINSON, 5 Cranbourne Court, Albert Bridge Road, SWII. December 12.

Insurance conundrum From Mr Andrew Patrick

Sir, There was wide publicity last week (Saleroom, December 10) for the record price paid for a picture by Peploe at Christie's in Glasgow. The hammer price was £460,000; the iovoice to the purchaser is £512,900.

The vendor will receive from the auctioneers about £410,000. However, he will theo receive a bill for capital gains tax of some £200,000. My cooundrum is, how should the owners of such pictures decide oo the value for insurance?

ANDREW PATRICK, 148 New Bond Street, W1. December 12.

Ys and wherefores From Dr N. M. Woods

Sir, Miss M. V. Perrin (December 5) enquires about an internationally-known alphabet that could be printed in the telephone code book. May I suggest the phonetic alpabet commonly in use by radio amateurs: "A" for alpha, "B" for bravo, and so on. This alphabet is extremely useful when communications are subject to interfer-

I prefer the Morse code, but that is another matter! Yours faithfully, NIALL M. WOODS, University of Liverpool, Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Biology, PO Box 147, Liverpool, Merseyside. December 5.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 14: Mr A.D. Brighty was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upoo his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Havana.

His Excellency Señor Jorge Eduardo Navarrete and Señor Navarrete were received in fare-well audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Mexico to the Court of St James's.

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon visited Queen Mary College, University of London, and was received on arrival by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets (Councillor Barrie Duffey) and the Prinicpal of the College (Professor Ian Butterworth).

Her Majesty opened and toured the new College Library, escorted by the Librarian (Mr A. Quinsee), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duchess of York this morning attended the 15th presentation of the Woman's Own Children of Courage Awards at Westminster Abbey. Her Royal Highness was re-ceived on arrival by the Dean

(the Very Reverend Michael Mayne). Mrs John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 14: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother today
honoured the Chairman of
Trafalgar House (Sir Nigel
Broackes) with her presence at
luncheon on board the Queen
Elizabeth 2 at Southampton to
mark the 50th Appriversary of mark the 50th Anniversary of the launching of the Queen

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Giles Bassett were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Prince of

Birthdays today

Wales arrived at Bridgeod this morning on the Royal Train. The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, attended the launch of the Wales Business in the Community.

Glamorgan.

Snbsequently His Royal
Highness, Chairman, The
Prince of Wales' Committee,
presented The Prince of Wales'

KENSINGTON PALACE

garet, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala performance by the Northern Ballet Theatre, of which The Princess is Patron, held at the Derngate Centre, Northampton, in aid of the Northamptonshire

in aid of the Northamptonshire
Foot Health Centre.
Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the
County of Northamptonshire
(Mr John Lowther).
The Priocess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Oneon's Flight was attended by

Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

KENSINGTON PALACE at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning at the conclusion

of their visit to Kenya.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon
Bland and Mrs Enan
McCorquodale were io

In the evening Princess Alexandra attended "A Celebration of Christmas", a concert of music and verse held in aid of The New Bridge, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at SI Martin-in-the-Fields. Mrs Peter Afia was in

Mr David Abell, chairman and chief executive, Suter, 46; Lord Acton, 81; Miss Valerie Aggett, principal, Holborn Law Tutors, 38; Sir Denis Barnes, civil servant, 74; Mr Michael Bogdanov, theatre director, 50; Mr Clive Brittain, raceborse trainer, 55; Lord Croham, 71; Lord Dunpark, 73; Air Marshal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 59; Miss Sir John Fitzpatrick, 59: Miss Ida Haendel, violinist, 64; Mr Gunnar Hagglof, Swedish dip-lomat, 84; Sir Henry Hardman, civil servant, 83; Mr Joe Jordan, footballer, 37: General Sir Frank Kitson, 62; Deaconess Dr Una writer and broadcaster, Monsieur A. Zenined, Mr H.H. Blandford, Mr R.H.W. Bullock, Mr H. de Carnoy, Lord Challond, Str. Council School, 51; Mr Kenneth Cork, Mr G.C.B. Dodds, Mr Norman Fowler, Mr M. L. F. Franchisch, Mr H.H. Blandford, Mr R. H.W. Bullock, Mr H. H. Blandford, Mr R. H.W. Bullock, Mr H. H. Blandford, Mr R. H.W. Bullock, Mr H. H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Bullock, Mr H. H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Bullock, Mr H. H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Bullock, Mr H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Blan Kroll writer and broadcaster. 63, Mr David McMurray, head-Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 81; Miss Edna O'Brien, writer, 52; Professor M.H.F. Wilkins, biophysicist, 72.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will open the Norman and Sadie Lee Research Ceotre at the National Institute of Medical Research, Mill Hill, at 10.30; and will attend a carol concert in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund in Westminster Abbey at

The Princess Royal will attend the fortieth anniversary diooer and dance of the Sports Writers' Assocation of Great Britain at the Wembley Conference

Latest wills

Sir Alec Arnold Constantine Issigonis, of Edghaston, Bir-mingham, car designer, left estate valued at £99,563 net.

Judge retires

Mr Justice Latey will retire from the High Court bench, Family Division, on January 10.

nity in Bridgend, Mid-

Awards for 1988 at the Taliesin Arts Centre, University College Afterwards The Prince of Wales opened AB Electronic

Products Group's new Micro-electropics Factory at Edmondstown, Taff Ely, Mid-Glamorgan.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Guy Safter, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's

December 14: Th Princess Mar-

December 14: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 14: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London SE26.

Luncheons

Rotary Club of London Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Rotary Cluh of London at the Cafe Royal yesterday. Mr Brian Somers, president, presided. The Polish Ambassador was among the On Wednesday, December 14, Mr Frank S. Law gave a luncheon at Boodle's. The

guests were:

Norman Fowler, Mr M.J.E. Frys, Mr J.E. Gordon, Mr A. Grisar, Mr David Howell, Mr S.E.A. Kimmins. Mr G.G.H. Law, Lord Marsh, Graf von Matuschka. Mr W.G.N. Miller, Lord Montagu of Beautigu. Dr David Owen. Sir Daniel Pettit. Dr J.M. Rae, Mr Bichard Rogers. Mr F.M. Rissell, Mr David O. Sainsbury, Mr Nicholas Scott, Mr Peter Scott, Mr David D. Sieff, Mr E.A. Strestor, Sir Boanid Swayne and Str Peter Trompson.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nero, 5th Roman emperor AD 54-68, Antium (Anzio), AD 37; George Rom-ney, portrail painter, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, 1734; Charles Cowden Clarke, crinc, Eofield, Middlesex, t787; Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, engineer, builder of the tower bearing his name, Dijon, t832; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Torshauz, Faroe Islands, 1860; Josef Hoffmann, architect. Pimitz, Czechoarchitect, Pirnitz, Czecho-slovakia, 1870; Maxwell Anderson, dramatist, Atlaotie, Pennsylvania, 1888.

DEATHS: Jan Vermeer, painter, Delft, 1675; Isaac Wal-ton, author of *The Compleat* Angler, Winchester, 1683; Sir Angler, Winchester, 1683; Sir George Cayley, piooeer of aero-dynamics, Scarborough, 1857; Sitting Bull, chief of the Sioux, on Grand River, South Dakota, 1890; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureate, 1945, Zurich, 1958; Walt Disney, Los Angeles,



Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.S. Pearson Gregory and Miss A.C. Bruseth

Mr J. Beatson-Hird and Miss S. Starkey The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Beatson-Hird, of Oldwell, Ashton-undernear Evesham, Hill, Vorcestershire, and Suzannah

eldest daughter of Sir John and Lady Starkey, Norwood Park, Southwell, Nottinghamshire. Mr P.J. Ashman and Miss E.E. Norris The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Ashman, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.A. Norris, of

Burgess Hill, West Sussex. Mr N.J. Cheek

Mr N.J. Cheek
and Miss G.A. McMurray
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, elder son of Mr
and Mrs C.J. Cheek, of
Henleaze, Bristol, and Georgina
(Ginny), eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs D.B. McMurray, of
Cobthorne, Oundle.

Mr J.P. Haughton and Miss C.F. St Johnston The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest soo of Surgeon Rear Admiral and Mrs J.M. Haughton, of Chagford, Devon, and Camilla, daughter of Lieulenant-Colonel and Mrs C.I. St Johnston, of Roborough, Devon.

Lieutenant C.C.C. Johnsto

and Miss A.M. Dugnid
The engagement is announced
between Clive, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Charles Johnstone, of Colchester, Essex, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Duguid, of Milngavie,

Dr B.L. Lear and Miss K.J. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Brian Lawrence, soo of Dr and Mrs T. Lear, of North-ampton, and Karen, daughter of Mr B. Palmer and Mrs Elizabeth Palmer, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr C. Crombie and Mrs V. Panii and Miss A.C. Brusein
The engagement is announced
between Hugh, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Joho Pearson Gregory.
Mannington on Wye,

of Monningtoo oo Wye,
Herefordshire, and Anne Christioa, daughter of Mr Nils
Bruseth, of Ruebury House,
Osmotherley, North Yorkshire,
and the late Mrs Nils Bruseth.

Anthony Nye, SJ.

The bride was attended by Freddie Russell-Flint, Angus Buchaoan, Antonia du Boisbaudry and Jessica Russell-Flint. Mr Edward de Courty Mr F.G. Reeve and Miss L.M. Coleman The engagement is announced between Frank, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.F. Reeve, of Lea Farm, Peasmarsh, Sussex, and Lisa, eldest daughter of the late Mr Anthony Coleman and of Mrs Anthony Coleman, of Crowbourne Farm, Goudhurst,

Mr S.A.C. Ross Skinner and Miss S.E. Carrell The engagement is announced he engagement is announced between Sambrooke, second son of Mr Harry Ross Skinner, of Warmwell, Dorset, and of Mrs Rosemary Ross Skinner, of Easton, Hampshire, and Serena, youngest daughter of the late Mr Allan Carroll and of Mrs John Bird of Foverning Faster. Bird, of Fryerning, Essex.

Mr D.W. Terry and Miss P.A. Reeves the engagement is announced between Douglas, only son of Mr R. Terry, of Winchester, and of Mrs M. Jewitt, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mrs M.E. Reeves and the late Mr J.F. Reeves, of Birstatt, Leicestershire,

Mr T.M. Voorspuy and Miss L.M. Macintosh and Miss L.M. Macmosh
The engagement is announced
betweeo Tristan Maarten, youngest son of Folkington, Polegate,
Sussex, and Lucinda Mary,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Briao Maciolosh, of
Condinham Redmin Comment Cardinham, Bodmin, Cornwall

Buckinghamshire.

Dr S.P.G. Padley and Dr S.K. Gill

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Padley, of Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.P. Gill, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.H. Wheeldon and Dr J.M. Hayes

The engagement is announced between Howard, younger son of Mr G. Wheeldon, of Solihull and the late Mrs M. Wheeldon, and Joanna Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Hayes, of Hagley, Worcestershire.

The marriage took place quietly on December 10, at St Andrew's Church, Headington, Oxford, between Mr Charles Crombie and Vivianne Pauli.

Mr J.P. Fulle

and Miss K.J. Quinn
The marriage took place at The
Temple Church on December
10, 1988, between Mr Janathan Fuller and Miss Karoo Quinn The Master of The Temple officiated, assisted by Father

Bryant was best man.
The reception was held at The Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn and the

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Mr T.R. Newton and Miss C.G. Sandell

Mr T.R. Newton
and Miss C.G. Sandell
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 10, 1988, at
the Church of St Mary the
Virgin, Ashley, of Mr Thomas
Newton, son of Mr and Mrs
Denzil Newton, of Braunston,
Oakharn, Rutland, and Miss
Camilia Sandell, eider daughter
of Mr and Mrs Michael Sandell,
of Sutton Bassett, Market
Harborough, Leicestershire.
Canon Hugh Ruberts ufficiated.
The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, was
attended by Laura and Georgina
Cole, Maudie and Max Johnson, and Bertie Heyman. Mr
John James was best man.
A recepting was held at the
home of the bride, and the
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Mr E.M. Watson-Smyth and Mrs R.M.B. Fairclough The marriage took place in London, on December 12, 1988, of Michael Watson-Smyth, of North Aston Hall, Oxfordshire, and Rachael Fairclough, of Scarlett's Farm,

The Banqueting House to close

The Banqueting Hause in Whitehall, designed by Inign Jones as part of the old Palace of Whitehall, will be closed from January 1 to March 3t for

Walpole's inkstand draws a record £770,000 bid

In a genial battle between dealers, a George II inkstand, by the Huguenot silversmith Paul de Lamerie, tripled its estimate at £770,000 at Christie's London

The price - paid by Titus Kendall, of Spink, bidding in partnership with Armitage against Jack Koopman - was a against sack Robolian - was a repeat of a record set two years ago for any piece of silver. Standing on four scroll feet, and complete with pen tray, inkwell and pounce pot (for the fine powder used to dry the ink), the so-called Treasury inkstand is engraved with the crest and motto of Sir Robert Walpole.

Sir Frank Francis
A service of thanksgiving for the
life and work of Sir Frank
Francis was held yesterday at St

George's Bloomsbury. Father Michael Day officiated, assisted

by Canon Stanley Young.
Mr Jeremy Francis, son, read
the lesson, Mr K. R. Cooper,
Chief Executive of the British
Library, read from the Devotions of John Donne, and Mr R.

tions of John Donne, and Mr K.
J. Roberts, Bodleian Library,
Oxford, gave an address.
Among those present were:
Lady Francis (widow), Miss Jame
Francis (dougnites), Mrs Jersuy Francia (daugnites-to-law), Mrs Louise
Francis, Mr Edward Francis, Miss
Georgina Francis, Miss Joannas Francis, Miss Manuella Francis (grandchildren),

cis. Miss Manuella Francis (grand-children).

Lord Quinton (Chairman, British Library) with Mr. J. M. Streeburst (director-general, Hursandier and Social Sciences). Mr. Peter Lewis (director-general, Bishow metal-cervices), Mr. Development, also representing the Stukespeare Birtholson Trush, Mr. Andrew Phillips (director, Public Services). Mr. S. Tyacis (director, Public Services). Mrs. S. Tyacis (director, Public Services). Mrs. S. Tyacis (director, Preservation) Services). Mr. Mcoles Bartler Generalis Mr. D. Cementis (director, Preservation) Services). Mr. M. P. Borris (Manuscrips Librarian) and Dr. Helsen Wallet: Sir David Wilson, with Miss J. Rankine (deputy director). Mr. G. Morris (secretary) and Mrs. Morris. Mr. Lawrence Smith (Nesper of Juspanese Authquists). Malicial (George of Western Assible

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SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

(Neeper of Prints and Drawinshi.
Lord Murton of Lindsharas (Manbersleet of the Cockmakers' Company)
with Mr P M Vine Oddster) and other
members of the court Sir New Strong.
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edirector, Müseum of Loydon also
representing the Museum Associations.
Professor A J Evace
Cloughborough University Associations,
Mr A J Loydon Verstreeming Standing Conference of National and
University Librarian, Professor B F
Roberts (Direction, National Library)
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Volsey (Birarian, Bodielan Library, Ordord). Mr O Richman (Markey).

Professor J B Traum (Warsham).

Mr Enoch Powell

The Leader of the Ulster Union-ist Party and the Party were represented by Mr Enoch Pow-

represented by Mr Enoch Pow-ell, who was accompanied by Mrs Powell, at the Requiem Mass for Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, held oo Tuesday in Westminster Cathedral.

Appointments

Home, Putney.

Ian Samuel.

"It was fantastically important - the most important piece of silver on the market for years", said Mr Kendall, "We would have bid much higher," It had been sent for sale by a december of Walande ndant of Walpole. The largest and most com-orehensive known collection of Dinky toys was dispersed at

Memorial service

every model produced between 1934 and 1964. A pre-war No 68 set o

camouflaged aeropianes tripled its estimate, at £7,150, despite the fact that three were suffering from "slight fatigue." They were secured by Mint and Boxed. A box of six miniature fire engines in a "trade box" and estimated al £200 to £250 raced to £5,500, bought by a private buyer. Five market gardeners' wasgons (three green; one yellow and one grey) were bought by the Fine Art Society on behalf of a client for £3,300 (estimate £90 to Phillips yesterday, in a 700-lot £120).

Dinners

Canning House Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanie and Luso Brazilian Council, was host last night at a dinner held at Canning House in hinour of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission of Latin America, Spain and Portugal Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour Among others present were: Lord Challent, Sir Jock Taylor, Str Kenneth James, Sir Brian Shaw, Sir Duncan Opperheim and Mr Desmond Wattons

Company of The Plate Workers
Alias Wire Workers
Mr Roger Boissier, Master of
the Company of Tin Plate
Workers, Alias Wire Workers, presided at the Christmas Court dinner held last night at the Honourable Artillery Company.
The other speakers were Mr E.J.
Holloway and Brigadier C.E.
Wilkinson, the guest of booour.

Anchorites Rear-Admiral J.B. Hervey presided at a dinner and annual meeting of the Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. The Hon Robin Warrender was the

Berkhausted School CCF
The Annual Dinner was held
fast night at Trooper's, Aldbury.
The Headmaster was the principal guest, and LieutenantColonel W.E. Glover presided.

Harrow School

The Wioter Term at Harrow ends today. Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff and Lady Soames attended Churchill Songs on December 2. The Cock House Match was won by Rendalls (Mr J. F. E. C. Gates) who beat Elmfield (Mr J. R. Beckett). The Torpid Final was drawn between West Acre (Mr D. J. Parry) and Bradbys (Mr J. A. Smith). Next term begins on Mr A. K. S. Franks has succeeded Lord Bancroft as chairman of the management board of the Royal Hospital and A. Smith). Next term begins on January 11.

SCIENCE REPORT

Warming to seven brown dwarfs The search for planets in orbit small, less than one tenth the around stars other than the Sun mass of the Sun.

Mr David Griffiths to be Chairman of the British Atlantic

around stars other than the San

- and the quest for the "dark
matter" that many believe exists, unseen, in the Universe (Science Reports, December 5 and 8) - takes another twist this week with the discovery of a dim star in orbit around a faint white dwarf star in the coastellation of Bootes, a few degrees south of the red star Archers. Radiating almost entirely in the infra-red, the new star is far

the infra-red, the new star is far too dim to be seen through even the most powerful optical telescopes, and with a surface temperature of less than 2,000 degrees Centigrade is among the coolest stars ever found.

Announcing the discovery in the current issue of Nature, Eric E. Becklin, of the University of Hawaii, and Benjamin M. Zackeranan, of the University of California at Los Angeles, also show that the new star, ketwa as GD165B, is probably very

According to some theories, such a small, cool object should be thought of more as a planet

than a star. If so, then GD165B joins a class of exotic objects called brown dwarfs, intermediate between the two. With about 80 times the mass of Jupiter, GD165B is enormous on a planetary scale, just as it is tiny when compared with stars.

Becklin and Zockerman had to overcome formidable tech-nical difficulties in order to detect GD165B at all, let alone estimate its mass and huminosity. But they are so strangers to ity. But they are no strangers to this kind of work: they have been using extremely sensitive infra-red detectors on the three-metre reflector telescope on Manna Kea in Hawaii for some time is a survey of possible brown dwarf companions to white dwarf

The researchers last veer discovered an infra-red source associated with G29-38, a white dwarf star in the constellation Pisces. Calculations showed that the extra infra-red radiation from G29-38 could be coming from a very cool brown dwarf, but the suspect has never been detected as a discrete in separate from its companion. In contrast, GD185B has been imaged as a distinct body.

Apart from these two, Becklin and Zackerman believe they have found seven possible brown dwarfs, each with a mass of less than a tenth that of the Sun, in orbit around other white dwarf

Their success in finding brown dwarfs implies that many more await discovery. Henry Gee

OBITUARIES

MAJ-GEN R. E. URQUHART Gallant commander in forlorn Arnhem battle &

This piecemeal arrival

proved particularly unfortune

because the Germans had captured the plans of the

entire operation on the body

of an American soldier shot

Only one parachute com-pany, with a few supporting

arms, ever succeeded in reach-

ing the north end of the bridge.

It had originally been in-

down in a glider.

Major-General R. E. Ur-quhart CB, DSO and Bar, who died on December 13, aged 87, commanded the First Airborne Division in the nineday battle of Arnhem, an action which stands in a class by itself for gannatry and audacity of conception. Urquiart was a born leader with the qualities to make an irresistable appeal to adventurous youth. He was a big, strong and fit. His

straightforward manner coocealed the traditional imagination and fire of the Highlander. Robert Eliott Urquhart was born on November 28, 1901, a descendant of the ancient Scots family to which be-longed Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty, Royalist soldier of the Civil War and memorable translator of Rabelais. He was serving on the staff in India when the war broke

out. After commanding 2nd Bn Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, in March 1942 he was appointed GSO1 of the 51st Highland Division with which he served throughout the Desert Campaign from Alamein to Tunis, being awarded the DSO. In 1943 he commanded the

231st Brigade Group in Sicily, where he won a bar to his DSO. Then, after a home staff posting, he was given com-mand of the First Airborne Division.

At 42 he was one of the youngest generals in the Army. He had no previous experience of airborne forces but before he was called upon to take his division into action 'at Amhem, he had eight months in which to learn his new trade. Of all the descriptions of the battle, Urquhart's own factual, concise and mod-est account, Arnhem (1958), written in collaboration with Wilfred Greatorer, is one of

Operation Garden", designed to take the British Second Army to the northern bank of the Rhine near the Zuider Zee, and finish the war before the end of 1944, involved the drop of two American Airborne Di-visions and the First British Airborne Division; their task was to open up a corridor, 50 miles long, over five major canal and river bridges.

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Urguhart's division was given the post of honour at the end of the corridor, and was ordered to capture the crossing over the Rhine at Arnhem. There were not enough aircraft to transport the whole Air Corps so his command had to be split into three. Only one parachute brigade and one air landing brigade could be brought in on the first day, the cond parachute bus

General. From day, if weather permitted. from the Army.

tended that the ground forces should break through to Ur-quhart's relief within 48 hours. By almost superhuman efforts he held out for no less than nine days without relief, and then he was ordered to the Dress Erskine. retire. Of more than 10,000 officers and men of his division who landed at Arnhem, only 2,613 returned, and more

than 1,200 died there. Five awards of the Victoria Cross were made. After Arnhem the First Airborne Division landed in Norway to make prisoner the German garrison and take back King Haakon. But the division was never completely reformed and Urquhart gave up the command in Novem-

broken up. For 14 months, while the Territorial Army was being reconstituted after the war, Urquhart was its Director

1950 communated the 17th Gurkha Division in Malaya and was later appointed GOC Malaya. In 1952 he was transferred to Austria as ade on GOC-in-C British Troops and,

Colonel of the Highland Light Infantry in 1954 but, in 1957. his resignation was called for by the Secretary of State for War because of a disagreement with the Army Council about whether the kilt or the trews should be worn by the new regiment formed by the amalgamation of the Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Feeling ran high in the two

Urquhart was appointed

regiments, but eventually Ur-quhart and the Colonel of the RSF negotiated a settlement that the kilt should be adopted and that the tartan should be They were supported by the

Lord Lyoo King of Arms, but even this formidable reinforcement failed to shake the Army Council's determination to have the new regiment in trews, and both Urquhart and his fellow Colonel had to go.

Quite recently he had participated in a controversial

BOX WELL

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episode of a different sort when he and two fellow Arnhem mea, General Sir John Hackett and Majorber 1945 when it was finally General Sir John Frost, deprecated a plan to instal a memorial window to the "Lonsdale Force" in Costerbeek church, in the Arnhem battle zone, on the grounds that it conferred undue celebrity on the com-mander of that force (who died last month) at the expense of so many others who had endured so heroically.

He married, in 1939, Pamthe next, and the Polish on the completion of his term E. H. Condon, Indian Army, parachute brigade on the third of duty in 1955, he retired and had one son and three

MR BRYNMOR JOHN, MP

Labour opponent of unilateral nuclear disarmament

Mr Brynmor John, Labour MP for Pontypridd since 1970, and a former Labour junior minister, died after a heart attack in St Thomas's Hospital, London, oo December 13. He was 54.

A steady, rather than mete-orie politician, who largely kept to the rules, he found, ironically, that his most contentious years were those as an opposition spokesman, and he was a sworn foe of Labour's policy of unilateral

As a junior minister, first for the RAF in the Harold Wilson administration of 1974-76, and then as Minister of State, Home Office, under James Callaghan between 1976 and 1979, he seldom ran into controversy.

In proposing the name, Tornado for the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft then being developed by the Anglo-German-Italian firm, Panavia, in 1974, he might make an deeply about certain defence propositions, and with the Labour Party going increasingly down the path of unilateral nuclear disarmament after 1979, he felt genuine unease.

for gallantry.

Yugoslavia.

service and took the name of



excursion into the headlines. But this was rare.

In opposition things changed rather. John did care deeply about certain defence

By 1981 his dissent from Labour's unilateralist stance had become an embarrass-ment to Michael Foot, who was trying to "unite" the party under that particular banner. John walked out of the

Party conference in Brighton because he had not been called to speak in support of multilateral disarmament. From that moment his fate was sealed, and he was replaced in that shadow portfolio by John Silkin.

Since that time, though holding opposition portfolios on social security and agriculture, he had not been prominent in the party's coun-Educated at Pontypridd

Grammar School and University College, London, he practised as a solicitor in Pontypridd from 1960 to 1970. He married, in 1960, Anne

Pryce Hughes. They had a son and a daughter. ANDREW KENNEDY

Undercover operations in wartime Eastern Europe

Second World War, first in the Polish army and then in Kowerski and Christine became lovers and continued as Britain's Special Operations such for many years. She had already crossed illicitly into Executive, and this in spite of already crossed illicitly into a physical disability which Poland more than once and would have barred many a her journeys continued in lesser spirit from such order to obtain information adventurous activities. and secure the escape of Poles, He was born Andrzej

particularly pilots. Kowerski into a Polish landowning family. In his The Germans became suspicious about her aod youth he was a keen sports-man but as a result of a Kowerski's activities and both were arrested. Because they shooting accident had to have had carefully rehearsed their a leg amputated. This did not cover stories and had a genuprevent him from serving as a ine telepathy, they survived reserve officer in Poland's the interrogations. only mechanized brigade. In Christine was even certithe short campaign against the Germans in 1939 he was awarded the Virtute Militari

fied, wrongly, by a Hungarian doctor as being in an ad-vanced stage of inherculosis (She had in fact bitten her After the Polish collapse he tongue till the blood ran, and made his way to Hungary where he helped Poles of was able to cough in a military age to escape from internment camps, taking them across the border into name of Andrew Kennedy and

the British ambassador, Sir In Budapest he teamed up Owen O'Malley, decided they with the glamorous agent and must leave Hungary. This ex-Miss Poland, Krystyna they did, Christine crossing Gizycka (née Conntess the Yugoslav frontier in the Skarbek), whom he already boot of the ambassador's car. knew slightly. She was already . Kennedy had financed his in the service of Section D of activities in Hungary by buy-Britain's secret intelligence ing and selling cars and he service and took the name of preferred to leave in a small

Andrew Kennedy, who died in Munich on December 1, aged 76, was a Pole who gave distinguished service in the War.

Christine Granville. She became one of the greatest inseparable. He and Christine drove to Belgrade and then Sofia where they gave Aidan inseparable. He and Christine drove to Belgrade and then Sofia where they gave Aidan Crawley a microfilm showing German armour massing on the Russian frontier. They continued their journey via Istanbul to Cairo.

In spite of his handican. Kennedy completed a parachute course and seems to have been SOE's first onelegged parachutist. He was chosen for operational missions in north Italy and Poland. These did not take place but he gave valuable service in training operatives in Pal-estine and southern Italy.

Christine was parachuted into France where her achievements with the Resistence are now legendary, and gained her the George Medal and the OBE. At the end of the war Kennedy served in the Allied

convincingly sanguinary imitation of the disease).

Kowerski now took the and became a director of a sumber of communics. He number of companies. He finally settled in Munich.

A man of exceptional charm and zest for living and friend-ship, Kennedy never married. In his will he expressed a wish that his ashes should be placed in the grave in North London where Christine Granville was buried after her tracic murder in 1952.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

BURTHS CUSTANCE - On December 8th 1988 in Phoenix, Arizopa, to Rebekah (née Spears) and Richard, a daughter Richelle Yvonne Taylor. **DENNING** - On December 9th, to Lots the Green; and James, a son, Thomas Christopher David, a brother for Catharine.

DUFOURCQ - On December 12th, at Versailles, to Caroline (née Godden) and Francois, a daughter, Victoria Maylis Emma. dizzard-Martin On December 6th. to Stephanie (née Webster) and Christopher, Iwo sons, Nicholas Edward and Anthony David. MUXLEY On December 11th, to Caroline (née Sinciair) and Mark, a son, James.

ORDAN - On December 13th 1988, to Hotena (note Moore) and Guy, a daughter, Lucy Claire Etizabeth, a sister to Adam. LASS - On December 9th 1988, at the Portund Hospital, London, to Andria Mina (née Thai) and Jonathus Daniel, a son, Saul Alexander Yestis. A grandson for Mervyn Thai of Miarol, Florida, and Gine and Jack Less of London. NMLWARD - On December 12th, to Sarah (née Tanner) and Justin, a son, Alexander George Gervase.

PMILLES - On December 11th 1988, to Lynn (née Craddock) and Tom, a son. George Henry. 8088 - On December 11th, to Sarah (nie Capin) and Nick, a son, Jack Felix, a brother for Adam and Sam.

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DEATHS

BANKER On December 11th 1988, in hospital, Patrick Dougal, aged 72, most dearly loved humand, father and grandfather, Funeral Monday, December 19th at St. Mary the Virgin Cherch, Salehinst, Sussex, at 11.00 am, Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to "British Association of Cancer United Patients", c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, 149h St., Burwash, East Sussex. BLAKE On December 6th. at Ameritham Houghts! Joan Ivie Margaret, aged 65 years. Widow of Harold Richard. bite of North London and Thousanyika. Service at Chiltern Crematorium. Ameritam, on December 16th of 12 builday, Interment of salves at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East Finchley, to the New Year. Donations if desired in the R.S.P.C.A.

Macrica, Problem - On December 13th, at Addenbrooks Hospital. Cambridge, after much care from all the staff. Judy, beloved wife and companion of Tan and dearest mother of left, Dena and Nigel and companions of Harry. grandmother of Harry,

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efter a short libers, Florence
Margaret (Waddy), wife of Vinditulir
and mother of John Walter, Family
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Jones, suddenty but peacefully at St.

Thomas' Hospital, Dearty loved and
missed father of Ermms and
Jonathas, The service will take place
at Streatham Crematorium on
Friday, December 16th, at 4,00 pm.
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desired to Cancer Research Fund. BOWAN - On December 12th 1988, peacefully at home after a long silness borne with great fortistude. Antony Campbell Gowan O.B.E., Dearly loved husband of Alda, brother of Christopher and the late Jornes, and much loved uncle. Funeral service at St. Masy's The Boltons, on Tuesday, December 20th at 2.pm. for family and close friends only. Flowers to William Boath 20th and Sons. 246 Fulham Road. Chelsen. SW10. A Memorial service will be beld at St. Mary's The Boltons, on Tuesday, January 17th 1989. at 11.30 am.

11,30 am. QUWILLAND - On December 13th. to hospital, Geoffrey, seed S6, Captain, Royal Navy (retired), Priest of The Church of England, Beloved husband of Linda, father of Jessica, grandfather of Jenium and Octavia. grandfather of Jernium and Octavia.
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Thomas', Tilshead, followed by
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PO Ricca Con December 13th, after a long sinces, Berry, beloved mother of David. Shirtey and Lindsay, and address grandonther. Private Emply function in Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuneday December 20th.

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er 171b. ROPER - On Wednesday, December 14th. Pencretity at home. Diana Charlotte in her 91st year. Wife of Confirst, mother of Mark. John. Christopher and Charlotte of Forde Abbey. Dorset. Funeral details from Earth.

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NEW YEAR

THE ARTS

hat became of Christmas? In olden times - three or four years ago the distributors saved their brightest and best for the holiday business. Now they mark the season with a backlog of pictures destined straight for the video shops.

There are compensations. Just Ask For Diamond, even if it is artless and would have been better as a 30-minute spoof, triumphs through cheery good humour. Made for the Children's Film Television Foundation, it is adapted by Anthony Horowitz from his comic thriller The Falcon's Maltesers. (It appears that the Dashiell Hammett estate, short on fun, opposed the use of the title for the film.)

Tim Diamond (Dursley Mc-Linden) has set up as Camden Town's Sam Spade after proving hopeless as a teenage police con-stable. The brains of the firm is 13year-old brother Nick (Colin Dale) who even has to explain the plot of Farewell My Lovely to Tim.

A commission from a South American dwarf to guard a box of Maltesers lands the boys at the receiving end of the dangerous world of Maltese Falcon-style film noir. There is The Fat Man, who has dieted down to 8 stones; a world-weary nightclub singer called Lauren Bacardi (Susannah York); assorted German villains in elaborate disguises; Bill Paterson from Scotland Yard with Jimmy Nail as his side-kick, deeply committed to police brutality.

The script falls into the common error in films for children, of far too much talk and exposition. David Robinson can find very little festive cheer in the Christmas film releases

No star to follow

CINEMA

Just Ask For Diamond (U) Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea

Like Father, Like Son (PG) Odeon Marble Arch, Cannon Panton Street

Sunset (15) Cannon Panton Street

Prisoner of Rio (15) Metro

The slapstick is plodding, the movie-buff allusions will clude the juvenile audience, but the good humour is infectious; and London locations like St Pancras, Selfridge's toy department and Regent Street with last year's Christmas lights are colourfully deployed. The American-born director Stephen Bayly made the attractive



Best of a bad bunch: Dursley McLinden as the eponymous sleuth Tim Diamond in Just Ask For Diamond

Welsh comedy Coming Up Roses.
More kids' stuff in Like Father,
Like Son which - released in the
United States more than a year
ago - was one of the first and least imaginative of the father-son switch films. Dudley Moore is a pompous and pedantic English surgeon who changes bodies with his schoolboy son (Kirk Cameron)

after swallowing a magic potion. Starting silly, it gets no better. Episode follows episode haphazardly as father wrecks his son's

social reputation at school while the son does the same for his dad's job prospects. Besides the lack of wit and invention, the major problem is the determined charm-lessness of Dudley Moore in the

central role. The director Rod Daniel made Teen Wolf.

Blake Edwards's Sunset has a promising premise. In 1929, with silent pictures at last gasp, Tom Mix, the cowboy star, joins forces with real-life Marshal Wyatt Earp (James Garner, repeating his 1966 role in Hour of the Gun) to solve a Hollywood murder mystery. (In fact Mix was out of pictures at the time, while Earp had died in 1928 at 80 years old). Having promised fun with early

Hollywood and the confrontation of the real and mythical West, Edwards's script declines into a kinky murder mystery involving a pathologically sadistic studio boss (Malcolm McDowell) who was once the world's favourite knockabout comic. The Mix and Earp teaming becomes a stock buddies turn. It is a common little nicture. extravagantly packaged with set-pieces like the "re-creation" of the first Academy Awards ceremony.

s the fun-loving train robber himself is credited as co-writer, it is no surprise that, as played by Paul Freeman in Prisoner of Rio, Ronald Biggs emerges as brave, snave, handsome devoted to his infant son and railing against the injustice that coodemns kindly train robbers to 30 years while rapists and

Given this viewpoint, it would have seemed sensible to restrict the film to the exile's own experience (as Buster did at least); but Prisoner of Rio tells the story of a bungled attempt by Scotland Yard to circumvent Brazilian extradition rules by abducting Biggs. The real protagonist is the obsessive, violent and unprincipled Scottish policeman deputed to the job - played by a specialist in nasty fanatics, Steven Berkoff.

Short oo dramatic interest and scrappily incidental, the film reaches desperately for local colour, climaxing in a musical fan-tasia of the Rio carnival - filmed showily by Lech Majewski.

JAZZ

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Is radio fair to jazz? The question was posed on Mooday at the launch of a campaign by the Association of British Jazz Musicians. Experience shows it will be difficult to win over the broadcasters, but the concert at least was a showcase for the young musicians who will be jostling for air-space in years to come.

Midway through the evening came Micro Groove, a new signing to Island Records and an example of the school of pastiche and parody. The band is another sub-branch of Loose Tubes, led by their trombonist-cum-master of

ceremonies, Ashley Slater.

The target of this latest venture is the black showband tradition of the early 1960s. Slater and his colleagues - including trumpeter John Eacott and saxophonist Steve Buckley - attempt to recreate the atmosphere of a James Brown or Geno Washington re-vue, with the odd Tamla Motown riff thrown in for good measure. .

With the rhythm section under-pinned by Jazz Warriors drummer Cheryl Alleyne, Slater took charge of the vocals, providing a bizarre running commentary interspersed with exhortations to get up and dance. His impersonation of Lou Rawls on "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" simply defied description. It was the kind of wild experiment which would go down well on the college circuit. Whether it falls into the category of jazz is another matter.

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Sceptics might make the same point about George Melly, now in the midst of his annual residency in Soho. Melly is, of course, oo more "authentic" than Slater and his colleagues. After 15 years, his routine with the Feetwarmers is inevitably as predictable as any showbusiness act. Somehow, however, his wily charm rises above it all helped by John Chilton's graceful trumpet accompaniment.

This year's performance was scarcely different from last year's, though the np-dated jokes include eggs and Edwina Currie. Towards the end of his first set there was "Life With You", a bitter-sweet ballad based on lyrics by Melly's admirer, Jean Rhys. "Backwater. Blues" was there too, sung with

Back from the brink and balancing books

Five years ago it was all over bar the shouting for Iggy Pop. "Systems of existence are built up on little habits, and I realized that my pile of little habits was simply not tenable," he says with a gust of manic laughter, while his mouth is puckering into a deeply serious expression. "I knew I was on my way to death."

It is hard to believe that he is 41 years old. The markings etched into his face suggest several lifetimes rolled into one. However, the show he has just completed at Exeter University was the work of a sinewy, superfit man, with energy and stamina to shame performers half his age.

James Jewel Osterberg, jun., was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He took the stagename Iggy from his first band, the Iguanas, while still at high school. He came to wider attentioo in the late Sixties as the outrageous singer of the prototype punk band, the Stooges. The critic Lester Bangs described their music as "brutal, mindless, primitive, vicious, base, savage, primal, hate-filled, grungy, terrifying and above all REAL". Pop

"People used to hate our band, but you. have speech skills. I have writing skills and downers I was taking was leaving me

Iggy Pop tells David Sinclair why he has eschewed his

rock 'n' roll craziness for sobriety and married life

and I know damn well how to present my point. I'm a pro and I always was.
"When Lenny Kaye reviewed my first

album in Rolling Stone, when the term punk, relating to music, first appeared in print, he conjectured that the singer must only have a 70-word vocabulary . . . So maybe Lester saw something that I don't.

Maybe I'm bringing out a part of me that I doo't want to admit I'm bringing out. But
I'm using a skill to do it."

Although the Stooges' final album, Raw Power, was released in 1973, there is a current wave of interest in the band. "The first two albums [The Stooges and Fun House came out on CD, and this year I got my first Stooges royalty cheque. My share was \$2,300, but the point is the Stooges are finally in the black, 21 years

after our first gig in 1967."

After the breakup of the Stooges, Pop embarked on an erratic solo career which brought forth gems like 1977's Lust For Life but led to diminishing returns. "By could only say that it was mindless and so early 1983, when I was touring Zombie oo if you didn't have to go through the Birdhouse, I became aware that I was a was on the debate team in high school. I injured on stage. The balance of uppers

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about two creative minutes a day and I

was not writing well any more. It was a mess. I knew I had to quit." Pop's stage behaviour had become increasingly irresponsible, to the point where accidents involving members of the audience were happening with alarming regularity. It was only a year ago that Pop settled (out of court) the last of the

law suits to be brought against him on account of incidents during 1981-1983. It was a source of shame, tension and a big problem for me. It was part of the reason I stopped for a few years. Also, I wanted to become capable of dealing with my work in a condition of sobriety.

As in all the best stories, it was the love of a good woman that enabled Pop to achieve a new equilibrium and chart a sustainable course for the future. He met Suchi in Tokyo, on that 1983 tour, and according to Pop she gave him the strength to turn things around.

"She taught me how not to be selfish. I started by trying to live an eight hour day without being on anything. Eventually I learnt to start calling op my friends and facing up to my business affairs and my

life began to click." Pop and Suchi, who is now 27, married in 1985. At the end of 1986 Pop scored his first hit single with "Real Wild Child". He has returned to the fray this year with the much more powerful Instinct album and a show to match.

He is now singing with more control than at any previous stage of his career. At Exeter the set list included many Stooges anthems — "1969", "No Fun", "I Wanna Be Your Dog", "TV Eye" and others — performed with a fresh musical panache which did oot impinge oo the rampant enthusiasm of his act.

Three times be hurled himself or was dragged from the stage into the crowd, but as he said afterwards: "No ooe has gotten hurt at my shows since I decided to take an interest in their welfare. "I don't own a home, but I'm oot in

debt to anyone in this world. I hire accountants and managers as I see fit and I have six figures of savings in dollars. And I have a wonderful home which is based on my wife."

● Iggy Pop's UK tour continues tonight at Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 552 4601); tomorrow at the Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321); Sunday and Monday at the Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303); Tuesday at Brixton Academy, London SW9 (01-326 1022).



Life lines: Pop is a superfit 41-year-old

Magnificent Tennessee

After his odyssey through sub-sidized theatre, Peter Hall picks up the threads of his early career with a long delayed return to Tennessee Williams: Camino Real in 1957 and now Orpheus Descending – two magnificent productions of Williams's most

ambitious and personal plays. This revival proves the play to be a splendid piece of story-telling and, like no production I have seen since Streetcar in the 1940s, it reawakens the primary response to this generous, finny, death-

haunted writer. A footloose outsider arrives in a small, bigoted community where he disturbs the status quo, for which he is destroyed. That is the archetypal Williams fable. But in no other play does he elaborate it with such social detail, such a sense of the past; or sustain such an equipoise of lyricism, brutality, and caricature within the same controlling metaphor. You may know what is coming when the

TELEVISION

Battlers of the sexes, it was revealed on television last night,

have been getting the wrong end of

That talented, witty singer-songwriter of relaxed charm and easy-going mystery, Joan Armatr-ading told us in a tensingly inter-

esting profile of her, Acoustic (Channel 4), that certain feminists

were mistaken to see her song "(I Love it When Yon) Call Me

Names" as a serious critique of a sado-masochistic relationship in which the man had the whip hand. The slap in the face of the song was, in fact, more tongue-in-cheek and, as for the question of who "beat me up and beat me again and over and ove

over and over and over and over

(and several more overs), it was the large woman (in leather and lace) laying, with his complicity, into the little man (in cowboy gear).

Paul Gambaccini correctly confined most of his personal probing to the provenance of the songs, but

the very surroundings of Armat-ading's home invited questions. The neatly fenced paddocks full of

horses provided a setting which seems less appropriate for hard

the stick, not to say the bath.

THEATRE

Orpheus Descending Theatre Royal Haymarket

But the way in which each event locks into the next is at once unpredictable and inevitable.

Alison Chitty sets the piece in a honeycomb of decaying timber. In Hall's hands, this set becomes an instrument, sometimes expressing everyday events, sometimes relit to enter the world of memory and oncoming disaster.

The sound score, from rainfall and the thunder of passing trucks to music as subliminal as Cheknov's breaking string, is minutely judged. You get the flavour of things to come from the prologue between two local gossips - Carol Macready and Mary MacLeod who begin as dowdy planters' wives and change into grinning demons as they narrate the Ku

Armstrading and her hand per-formed admirably in a barn. Pop-

ping up amid the liberal spreading of straw as a surprised pinnist for

one of the songs was Elton John, who knows the cost of being called

comment in her nominal love song.

by our old friend Judge Sir Guthrie Featherstone (Peter Bowles) in

Rumpole of the Balley (TTV) shout

the habits of petty criminal Tony Timson (Philip Davis) taking the tap end when bathing with his

wife. And so it proved - Lady

het and cold drips (and unlike Mrs

Timeson, did not even faisely access her bushand of trying to

John Mortimer's brilliance is to

John Mortimer's brilliance is to take Rumpole into situation comedy, sometimes almost into musichall, yet provide as much serious
criticism of British justice as did
Blind Justice. Yet, as I learnt when
serving as a juror in front of a
judge pilloried by the press even
more than Featherstone, in real
courts you get the music-hall

courts you get the music-hall without the serious criticism.

Andrew Hislop

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names that one does not love. "It's their way of loving, not mine," is Armstrading's ironic Klux Klan's burning of the wine garden, and Lady's unwitting marriage to her father's killer.

The arrival of Val, heralded by a Smoky Mountains conjure-man, is the first unearthly moment, from which Jean-Marc Barr's performance as a free spirit who cannot even walk to the door without inflaming every woman in sight, follows as much through dramatic preparation as from Barr's jazzily laid-back own work.

Encounters are achieved with a high charge of erotic choreog-raphy, most of all the meetings with the town's main victim, Carol (Julie Covington), who has accepted the stigma of "lewd vagrant" as a means of revenging herself on the town.

It is in relation to her that Vanessa Redgrave shows her two ruling passions as Lady, first defending her as an underdog, and then switching into harsh com-mand when she presents herself as a rival. Redgrave's performance, delivered in a gnttural Italian accent, has the naked emotional force and sense of danger that are

this actress's hallmark.
It is also an inexhaustibly rich study of a damaged woman who has had years to develop a mask. Her first scenes are played at top speed with a business-like concen-tration on domestic tasks. Her gradual unthawing, reversions to suspicion and anger, and death wryly grinning as if to say: "I told you so" — offer the greatest acting I have seen for many a long day.

Irving Wardle

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stranger is taken on as a store assistant by the Sicilian whose red-neck husband lies dying upstairs. Love and larceny

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BOOKS

A brief candle

Peter Ackroyd on the life and vanishing fame of a professional writer of middling talent, who never quite made it to major

GENTLEMAN RIDER

By Alan Bishop

Michael Joseph, £19.95

blivion is a peculiar thing. Some writers, who do not ment it at all, receive it almost as soon as they are dead; some even seem to recognize their fate in advance, and remain modest or melancholy, sensing that whatever success they enjoy will not last. Joyce Cary has just escaped this fate - but only just. He is at least still in print, and here is a biography 20 years after his death. Already the reviewers are saying that he is "undervalued" - nf course he is, but that makes very little difference since few people will be reading his novels in future years, and I suspect that this substantial and meticulous biography will convert only the already converted.

The lack of attentinn really is a mystery in

Cary's case, since he had all the makings of a "major writer". He was of Anglo-Irish descent; and Brendan Behan's remark that an Anglo-Irishman is "a Protestant on a

horse" might have been coined for Joyce Cary himself (the peculiar A biography of Joyce Cary Christian name, by the way, is simply his mother's surname - indicating among other things, that James Joyce was a distant

kinsman). Certainly he liked at times to think of himself as a "man of action", but he possessed also that lean, quizzical, and slightly haunted look that seems so

characteristic of the Anglo-Irish. He attended Clifton College, where the Christian and imperial ethic was hammered into him; but at first be wanted to be an artist, and he studied both in Paris and in Edinburgh. At Oxford University he led a suitably unhappy and undistinguished life, and it is really only when he volunteered for the Red Cross during the First Balkan War that he first comes to life in this book striding into danger as he did and, indeed, seeming to relish the situation. Even then he had dreams of becoming a writer, but other demands exerted their toll, and, instead, he became a junior administrator in northern Nigeria. There were times when he hated the solitude and dreary monotony of this raw

colonical life, but the business of making maps, building roads, and constructing bridges seemed to console him. He had in any case left a wife and child in England, and he needed the money to support this exiled family. Any yet, and yet ... he wanted to be a writer. It is the same familiar

but terrible story of ambitions thwarted and gifts unemployed — "I can't do anything, I don't believe — sometimes I don't believe

that I ever will do anything."

Eventually in 1920 he returned to England and, at the age of 31, he finally embarked upon the perilous career of the professional writer. It was in fact the right time: he was of an appropriate age to begin, and his experiences in Africa could only serve to extend and deepen the range of his imagination.

Nevertheless he did not succeed at first,

and the battle financially to survive was matched only by his struggle to find an

form. Even some years after he began seriously to write, Cary suffered the same lack of confidence together wih the same muddled aspirations. Even his process of com-

position seems chaotic in the extreme - he worked on different novels at the same time. At first his writing was too much in the head — he had read widely from Hegel to Stuart Mill as if in preparation for some great intellectual rather than creative adventure, and for him the art of fiction was always a matter of theme rather than of plot, of meaning rather than of story.

His prose style was distinct, therefore without being wholly distinctive. And in that sense this modest and competent biography gives a proper measure of the man as he approached middle age. One reads it with interest, but at no point does the life of Joyce Cary suggest anything other than a writer of talent finding his way through the world. Of course there are moments of sudden and unpredictable behaviour - his decision to go to the front during the Balkan War being one - and it is

Any historical work with a subtitle like *The Untold Story* is apt to be suspect; and when it is added to a

main title that is as all embracing as WORLD WAR II, it becomes a

contradiction in terms if the book

is only 300 pages ling. There is always the possibility that the author has uncarthed some large

nugget of new evidence that

overturns the generally accepted

view of events; but the suspicion is

journalistic heence for publicity

Philip Warner has, indeed,

picked up a potentially valuable

nugget, which has been lying

uncovered, and ready for a re-

uncovered, and ready fir a revisionist historian to grasp, ever since the publication earlier this year of the last volume of Professor Sir Harry Hinsley's official history of British Intelligence in the Second World War. As Warner says in his introduction, the disclosure of Ultra in 1974 made every previous history out of date.

every previous history out of date.

There is an ubvinus gap in the market that could be exploited by any author who could make full use of the new Intelligence evidence now available by writing a

revised short history of the war.

Philip Warner looks just the man for the job. He is an experienced military writer with some 18 titles under his belt. But he has set himself the immense, if not impossible, task of spanning the whole of the five-year struggle

from the Atlantic to the Pacific in one modest valume. In trying to crystallize the events into his



clear that he had a fascination with violence and conflict which in turn suggests a wish for self-forgetfulness, for the temporary abeyance of those internal conflicts which his biographer describes as his "duality".

e began to achieve success in the mid-Thirties (just as he was about to enter his own 50s). The trilogy, Herself Surprised, To be a Pilgrim, and The Horse's Mouth brought him his first real fame. But still he did not seem able to curb his restless energy and his nervous straining towards "significance"; even while he was writing navels he was composing political pamphlets, working on film-scripts, and taking extended trips over the world. All these things detracted from his creative development, and there is nothing more indicative of the man than the almost self-

congratulatory description of "my tons of unfinished and unpublished MSS". There seems to be a sense in which he did not know what kind of writer be wanted to be. That is why even at the end of this welldocumented biography the personality of Joyce Cary seems blurred, out of focus. If he emerges at all, it is in a curiously unsympathetic light. Either he seemed to do what was expected of him, whether as a typical young "Bohemian" in Paris or as a colonial administrator in Nigeria, or he did what he thought he expected of himself. So he seems allower to be taking on roles exercing them. always to be taking on roles, starting them and then breaking off just as he did with his own written works. In fact it is his death, greeted by him with fortitude and screnity

which provides the most moving and somehow most genuine passage of his life. How doubly sad, therefore, that this should herald the end of Joyce Cary's fame. British official histories. All three have to be read together, if a new and credible short history of the

war is to be written. There is another factor that militates against any startling revelations by revisionists like Philip Warner. The radical changes, which the new Intelligence data make necessary in earlier accounts of the war, are far fewer than might be expected, tional official histories had full access to the actual Intelligence summaries available to commanders at the time. The phrase "from higher sources" was the coded reference to Ultra. It is

hardly surprising, therefore, that be has been hard put to it to justify the subtitle to his book — there is not much untold still to tell. The best parts of Warner's book are his descriptions of the conditions under which the civilian populations, as well as the military, played their parts. Being a young man at the time, he has been able to recreate the atmosphere of those days: the phoney war, the London blitz, the

phoney war, the London blitz, the V-1 and V-2 onslaughts, the convoys at sea, and the feel of the battles on land, sea, and in the air. But he misses the effect of the Intelligence histories on the controversial issues of the war.

In short, Philip Warner has produced a plausible and easily read book, but he has made little or no contribution to a fresh understanding of the Second World War.

Very little

William Jackson

WORLD WAR II The Untold Story By Philip Warner The Bodley Head, £12.95

limited space, while at the same time adding the new Intelligence gloss, he has made the campaigns almost unrecognizable, and his accounts of them are marred by glaring omissions and unfortunate

If a Staff College instructor were to mark his work, his comments would be: "Concept excellent; execution fair." He would then add, "I see in your bibliography no reference to the readily available British, American, and Dominion official histories, which are basic to your study." What seems to have let Warner down is his failure to appreciate that, in writing the Intelligence History, Professor Hinsley's team gave only an outline of operational events to avoid duplication with the Grand Strategy and Theatre series of the

A poem by John Ashbery is like a house full of rooms and the rooms the furniture all breaking or disappearing as the reader-visitor tries to sit on it only to find himself deposited through a trap-door or a time-warp into another room in perhaps a different house,

yet with the same charmingly pointless world view out of the vindow Tricks and traps, mirrors and echoes, images that are ghosts of images that have gone before, jokes and games, illusions, allusions: it all comes crowding together in such a parade of unmitigated American High Camp that one can well believe that there are those who find the guy unreadable. This could be considered a pity. Whatever else he might be, Ashbery is a consistently funny writer, his best line the patter of a magician desperate to the himself heart he does it.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Let's start in the middle, as usual. Ever since I burnt my mouth I talk two ways, first as reluctant explainer, then as someone

to tell himself how he does it:

offstage In a dream, hushing those who might wake you from this Imperfectly got

That lutanist demonstrates his imperfections rather too frequently in the title piece and some of the other "lyrical" efforts collected in April Galleons — but the reluctant explainer is as hypnotizingly plausible as ever, Ashbery's work intrigues because it concentrates a playfully pro-found imagination upon the whole problem of meaning and identity, and comes up with no answers, only alternative questions in the form of verse that in a sense replaces the joys and anxieties that

inspired it. He has been compared with Wallace Stevens, hailed even as a "philosophical" thinker. I regard this as a serious misrepresentation of his gifts. An English reader of this most brilliant and eccentric of living and working American poets is more likely to be reminded of Edward Lear: there is a similar manic despair informing Ashbery's flights of fancy, though

Playful poet: manic despair

POETRY Robert Nye

APRIL GALLEONS By John Ashbery Carcanet, £8.95

he doesn't have anything like the Victorian's ear It would be hard to imagine a

world farther removed from Ashbery's than that which provides the subject for investig in Stanley Cook's Selected 1972-86 (Littlewood Press, £3). I first noticed Cook's merits some 16 years ago when he published a pamphlet called Form Photograph in the front of which he observed that as a schoolteacher for many years he had discovered that he was teaching the same children all the time, only they passed them-selves off under different names. That might sound obvious, as does his claim that he is simply writing down accurately what he has abserved; but listen to this: "Of course you have observed inaccurately and the inaccurate recording of the distinctive inaccuracies of which you are unaware is the theme of your

When I read that, I sat up and took notice, and it's good to be able to report that Cook's sub-sequent work seems if anything to be even more interesting, since in addition to concentrating on the differences between one 13-year-old bit of human kind and another he is now also raising his eyes to the skyline and writing poems about everything be sees landscape and the people of his own particular Northern English patch. I only wish that he would eschew the prosiness of some of his longer pieces, and write more often in the formal measure be employs so well in "Privet Hedge":

The privet looks over the real Like children for toys left out in For people passing or workmen When their game in the garden grows too small.

Saturday Books Page: Ardagh on France, portraits by Roy Jenkins, crime, paperbacks

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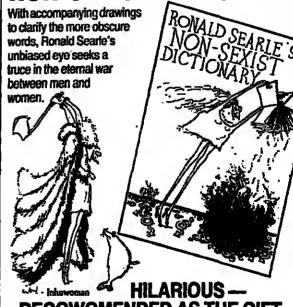
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BOOKING KEY * Returns only

THEATRE. LONDON

A BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Lelcester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm. mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

★ EASY VIRTUE: Attractive revival of Noel Coward's 1926 play, with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks. Garrick Theetre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 8107). Tube: Leicaster Square, Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Set 5-7.15pm, 27.50-212.50.

★ ELECTRA: Floria Shaw as the florce daughter in Sophocles' sober drama of mother-tdiling. The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 Barbican/St Paul's/Moorgate. Previews until Sat 7.30pm. Opens Dec 20, 7pm. Then in repertoire. Eves 28.50, mats 26.50.

☆ HANDLE WITH CARE: Funny and touching play about the upsets of teenagers: four first-rate performances. Old Red Lion Theatre, 418 St John's Street, EC1 (01-837 7818). Tube: Angel. Tues-Sun 8-10pm, Sun mat 12.45-2.45pm, £5. Until Sat.

☆ RICHARD II: Derek Jacobi heads s strong company, with Robert Eddison, Barbara Jefford and David Rintoul in

Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-838 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road, Mon-Set 7.30pm. Mats Thurs and Set 2pm. £6-£14.50.

 \bigstar THE ROAR OF THE GREASEPAINT, THE SMELL OF THE CROWD: See

option.
Orange Tree Theatre, 45 Kew Road,
Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube:
Richmond, Preview tonight, 8pm, opens
Dec tomorrow, 8pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm,
mat Sat 4.30pm (from Dec 24), £3-£6.



Anthony Newley (above) started out as a boy actor, playing the Artful Dodger in the David Lean film Oliver Twist, then went on to star in revne, in his offbeat, aheadof-its-time TV show Gurney Stade and in his own musicals. Stop the World I Want to Get Off was a success in the West End; The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd, set in a circus, toured the country in the Sixties, played on Broadway but only now comes to London, opening at the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond tonight (see listing).

★ SUGAR BABIES: Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller star in nostalgia show vasity popular on Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks, Savoy Theetre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm and mats Thurs and Sat 2.30-5pm, £8.50-222.

ppm; 28.50-222.

☆ THE WOMAN IN WHITE: Sue
Dunderdale's production of the classic
Victorian thriller; Michael Byrne as
sinister Court Fosco and Helena
Bonham-Carter in her stage debut.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10
(01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich BR (15
mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat
7.45-10pm, mats Sat 2.30-4.45pm,
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OUT OF TOWN

CROYDON: A Release Doister: Vince Football rejigs the old comedy for Christmas: braggarts and brawlers meet their just deserts. Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (01-580 4060), Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sun 5pm, 92.50.65

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FILMS

E GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up Barry Levinson (121 min).
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71.15. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45 (not Sun), 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bell-jumping accountant cross-country, With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min). Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15. Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 8.45, 9.20. Late Fri, Sat midnight.

SACRIFICED YOUTH (PG): Delicate film from a woman director, Zhang Nuanxin, about the culture clash experienced by a city girl exiled to the remote countryside during the Cultural Revolution, (96 min), ICA chema (01-930 3647), Progs 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

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singer who borrowed Springsteen's "Pink Cadillac". Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline St. London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £10.50-£12.50, for two nights.

* SIQUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES:

Frosty punkette, currently going through a horror fantasy stage with the

Peepshow album. Brixton Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (01-326 1022) 7.30pm,

* BRYAN FERRY: Seventies style-coursellor and Roxy Music from man, still a notoriously smooth operator. London Pallindium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373) 7.30pm, £12.50-£15, for two nights.

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* THE PEARL FISHERS: Philip Prov



Theatre Museum in Covent Garden today will make a big impression ... with her mose. The museum's corridor of fame features the painted handprints of the theatrically famous, but if Rani the elephant were to contribute a footprint, it would obliterate several stars. So to squeeze in, between Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Sir John Gielgud, Rani will make her mark with her trunk. Rani, who will be appearing with Gerry Cottle's Circus at Wembley from Christmas Eve, was given clearance for her central London appearance because of an impeccable record of public perfor-mances, which includes appearing at a Labour Party rally with Ken Livingstone, and opening more church fetes than the cast of EastEnders. The exhibition she opens today is replete with circus memorabilia, including Bertram Mills's posters, Ringling Broth-ers' prints, sealions' horn sets, ciowast costumes and pictures of equestrian exercises from the Circue Olympique (left), a French circus of the 1860s. Theatre Museum, Covent Garden WC1 (01-589 6371), is open 11am to 7pm Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday). Admission £2.25, children aged 5 to 14 and OAPs £1.25. children under five free. On December 31 and January 1, children will be admitted free. Robin Young Uztil April 2.

* STATUS QUO: Pop-rock lunkheads who have given the noble art of boogle an enduringly bad name. NEC, Birmangham (021 780 4133) 8pm, 29-210.

JAZZ

★ SAXES UNLIMITED: Inspired by Med Flory's American band Supersax, the Charlie Parker. Band On The Wall, Swan St. Manchester (061 832 6825) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

☆ DON WELLER: The tenor statwart is one of the most familier faces at the Barnes venue. Buil's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road. London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £3.50.

★ GUY BARKER: Formerly with the Clark Tracey Quintet, the trumpeter appears with his own line-up. Pizze Express, 10 Dean St. London W1 (01-439 8722)9.30pm, ring for prices. ★ GEORGE MELLY: Good Time George rolls on. The support slot is occupied, as usual, by the house quintes. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £12

DANCE

★ THE SNOW QUEEN: Bintley's adaptation of Hans Andersen's story, for Sadier's Wells Royal Ballet, Sadier's Wells Theetre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01 278 8916) 7,30-10-20pm, Special Gata Prices.

★ THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's production for London Pestival Ballet. Royal Concert Hall, Notingham (0602 482826). 7.30-9.45pm, 24-215.

→ FLAG: A new work by Lee Anderson to music by the Pointy Birds. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031) 8pm, 25.

GALLERIES

ANDRZEJ KRAUZE: Drawings, posters and watercolours. Sente Fe Gellery, 196 Keneington Park Road, London W11 (01-727 5453), Tues-Set noon-7pm, free, until Dec 31. AKWETE TEXTILES: Silk and cotton weavings from Nigeria. Black Art Gallery, 225 Seven Sisters Fload, London N4 (01-263 1918), Tues-

Fri 11am-7pm, Sat noon-5pm, free, until Jan 21. IMPRESSIONS OF CUMBRIA: Forty arlists from Dennis Creffield to Andy Goldsworthy reflect upon the Lakeland

region.
Coach House Contemporary Art, 9
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EDOLARD MANET (1832-1883): The French proto-impressionist painter's etchings and lithographs, mediums through which many of his most famous compositions were arrived at.

Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Tunbridge Wells (0892 26121), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 9.30am-5pm, free, until Jan 7.

ERNEST NEUSCHUL (1895-1968): A enrest recuserful (1895-1968): A retrospective exhibition for an incisive German figurative painter. The Leicestershire Meseum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester (0533 554100), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Jan 8.

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OTHER EVENTS

B) COMSBURY BOOK AUCTION: The isst sale of 1988 includes many unusual manuscripts and autograph material such as letters by Alfred de Vigny, Skr Edward Elgar, Benjamin Britten and Donizetti. Also some rare French and English first editions. Bloomsbury Book Auction, 3 & 4 Hardwick St. London, EC1 (01-833 2636). Sale 1pm. Viewing 9.30am-1pm, -Admission free. Catalogue £3.50.

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FIRST CHANCE

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Royal Opera House season includes
world premiere of Hobson's Choice by
David Bintley based on Harold
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Sadler's Wells Theme and Variations by
Balanchine; and Peter Wright's The
Sleeping Beauty. Feb/March. Postal
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Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. UPIC WORKSHOPS: First visit to

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CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS: Photos CARIBBEAN CONNECT TONS: Photos and antefacts from 18 young Londoners who visited St Vincent and the Grenadines on Caribbean Development Foundation Youth Exchange, Ends Sun, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St, London W8 (01-603 4535). BOOKBINDING EXHIBITION: Display by contemporary bookbinders, and a history of the craft. Ends Sat. Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, London N5 (01-609 3051 ext 242).

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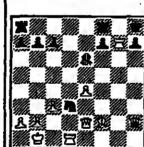
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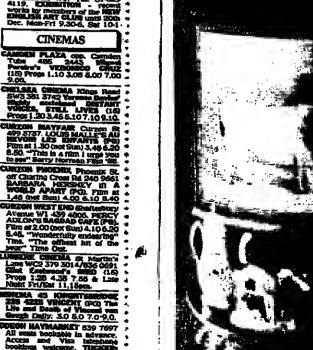
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6.35 Leon Errel in *Truth Aches*(b/w).
6.55 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with John
Stepleton and Sally Jones.
Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather fews and weather followed by

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presented by Henry Ketty (r).
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by Andy Crane begins with
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10.55 Five to Eleven. Tim
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Open Air. Mavis Nicholson and
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question the programme makers
2.00 News and weather followed by
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series includes a guide to the new cinema releases. 12.55
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1.30 Neighbours. Megan receives an unwelcome reception; and Deshas to cope with the biggest crisis of his life 1.50 Geing for Gold. European general invested by knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly
2.16 A Year in the Life. Episode two of the three-part series following a year in the life of the Gardeners, an American family, from one Christmas to the next

9.06 Coefax 1.25 Little Misses
and the Mister Men (r). 1.40
Northern Lights (r). 1.45 The
First Noels (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by
One Man and His Dog. The Young
Handlers' championship (r).
2.45 it's a Small World. Model
steam engines (r). 2.55 The
Historyman. The story of Bury St
Edmunds (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by
Chronicle: City of the Dead. The
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ancient Pakistan city of Mohenjo-Daro (r). 3-50 News, regional news and weather 1.00 Catchword with Paul Cola

J.00 Catchword with Fath Cola J.05 International Show Jumping J.05 Grow Big Cuiz. Gardening quiz 5.35 Country File (r). J.00 Film: My Learned Friend (1943, b/w) starring Will Hay and Claude Hulbert. Comedy drama about a crazed convict on the trail of a

the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year

competition presented by Brian Kay from the Buxton Opera

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with the latest news of the Kampuchea Ald appeal. (Cestar) 5.35 Neighbours (r). 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Wachell and Andrew

Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey

6.20 London Plus and weather

7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Gary Davies and Mark Gooder

7.30 EastEnders. Dr Legg and his nephew co-host a party at the surgery — and differ on ways to enjoy the present at I and to enjoy themselves; and Ali and Mehmet dream up a new plan to boost business. (Ceefax) 8.00 Tomorow's World includes a

Tomorrow's World includes a report from Scottand on a new bioengineering experiment whereby liamss are being fertilized with alpacas in an attempt to reproduce the alpacas' highly-prized—and priced—wool 8.30 Yes, Prime Minister. Jim Hacker is segerly anticipating the opening ceremony for the start of work on the Channel Tunnel, but Sir Humphrey and Bernard warn that the Foreign Office have yet to finalize plans for the occasion with the French (r). (Ceefax)

(Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with
Michael Buark, Regional news and 9.30 Thompson. Emma Thompson with the last in her comedy series.

(Ceefax)

10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin 10.00 Creenios Time. Sir Robin
Day's guests are Chental Cuer,
Enoch Powell and MPs Bryan
Gould and Michael Heseltine
11.00 International Show Jumping
from the Grand Hall, Olympia,
featuring the Crosse and
Blackwell Turkey Stakes.
12.10mm Weather.

8.00 Open Space. A documentary on post-natal depression 8.30 The Travel Show Guides presented by Penny Junor. This week Crete comes under the

believed they were given each other's baby by mistake (r).

J. J. Johnson (trombone); Sonny Stitt (alto sax); Howard McGhee (trumpet); Watter Bishop (piano); Tommy Potter (bass); and Kenny Clarke (drums) (r).

Newsnight By-election Special. Live from the count at Watthem Abbey town hall as the voters of Epping Forest choose their next MP. Ends at 1.30ems

other's baby by mistake (r).
(Ceefax)
10.10 The Tracey Ullman Show.
Three comedy playlets
10,30 Newshight 11.15 Wasther
11.20 Jazz 625: In Memorism —
Charlie Parker (b)/w). A tribute to
Charlie Parker by
J. J. Johnson (trombone); Sonny
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microscopa 9.00 French and Saunders. Dawn and Jennier with another selection of comic sketches (r).

9.30 40 Minutes: Mixed Blessings.
The story of two mothers who ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-em begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; 7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Milke Morris and Kathryn Holloway; 8.00 News; 9.00 News and Atter Nine which includes Chaire Browner's which includes Claire Rayner's

personal advice column
Lucky Ladders. Game show
9.55 Thames news and weather
10.00 The Time...The
Place... Affike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject 19.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Firmigan and Richard Madeley 12.10 Puddle Lane. Children's

12.10 Puddle Lane. Children's series, with Neil Innes 12.30 Santa Barbara. Soap set in Sybaritic California.

1.00 News with Julia Somerville 1.20 Thames news and weather 1.20 Thames news and weather 1.30 Eye on the White House.

Continuing the story of the American television station ARC's coverage of the Model.

American television station
ABC's coverage of the United
States Presidential election
campaign 2.00 Richmond His.
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Home Cookery Club. Children's

Choice (r).
3.00 What's My Line? Angela
Rippon's guests are Jilly Cooper,
Hilary O'Neil, Gary McDoneld
and Bernie Winters 3.25 Thames
news and weather 3.30 Some
and Daughters. Australian family
drama serial
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and drama serial
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and
Friends (r). 4.10 The Rettles 4.29
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adventures of a secret service
rodent (r). (Oracle) 4.45
Gilbert's Fridge with Phil Cornwell
and John Ecclesion
5.15 Blockbusters. General

knowledge quiz for teenager presented by Bob Holness 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news and weather 6.25 Help with solvice on avoiding home repossession
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Intend
Revenue bailiffs give Sandie a 7.00 The Bottom Line. Consumer

7.90 The Bottom Line. Consumer affairs show
7.30 Chain Letters. Word game
8.00 The Bill. WPC Ackland spots something in a dead man's flat that leads to Sun Hill police officers investigating the man's murky past. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: Bost People Go Housel Peter Gill reports from Hong Kong and Vietnam on the effects of the British Government's decision that "bost people" will not in future be automatically entitled to refugee status.

refugee status.

9.00 The Equation. McCall is called in by a mother to help find her son she believes has been abducted by her ex-husband, a French diplomat.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes 10.30 Thames news and weather Thumes neve and weather

19.35 The City Programme Includes
stocks to put in Christmas stockings 11.05 01- for London includes Kenny

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Everett and James Bolam
reviewing films. Followed by
Crimestoppers
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H.
12.30em Contacts Includes Mary, 8
69-year-old widow with interests
in water sking and fiving, who
is looking for a companion/
husband
1.00 What the Papers Say with
Raymond Snoddy of the Financial
Times.

1.15 Rock in the Dock. Adu

recorded at Limehouse Studios,
London
2.15 News headlines followed by
Fire: Barbery Coast Gent (1944,
b/w) starring Wallace Beery,
Binnie Barnes and John
Carnadine. Comedy western
about a crooked cowboy trying to
go straight. Directed by Roy
del Ruth
4.30 News headlines followed.

4.00 News headlines followed by Too Close for Comfort, Comedy

series
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
6.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

about working among the unamployed; explains how the protection of Sanctuary is a live issue on both sides of the Atlantic; and discovers what it is like to be black, British and

agent is really working for the United States.

6.30 The Sharp End includes a 6.30 The sharp End includes a report from the Vickers tank factory as the workers wait for the Government's decision on whether to buy a British or American successor to the Army's Chieftain tank
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins
2.50 Comment followed by Weather

7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.60 Sumo. Highlights of the Grand Autumn sumo wrestling tournament, the Aid Basho. 8.30 Film: Black Jack (1979)

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starring Jean Franval and Stephen
Hirst, Eighteenth-century
adventure yern, set in Yorkshire,
about a French sellor who
survives a hanging and befriends
a young English boy. Directed
by Kan Loach
10.30 True Stories: Riding the Gale.
(Oracle) (see Choice)
11.35 Film: Northern Lights (1980,
b/w) starring Robert Behling.
Drama about a young
Norwegian farmer's struggle to
survive in the North Dakota of
1915. Directed by John Hanson

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NETWORK 2 Starts:
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7.30 Answers 8.00 The Rainbow Warroor Company 8.00 Mork and Mind
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12.00 The Parliament Programme
presented Glyn Mathias and
Alastair Stewart
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and
business news service
1.00 Seasone Street.
2.00 Horses. The fifth of six
programmes tracing the role of the
horse in the development of
human civilization (r). (Oracle)
3.00 Equinox: Mission to Mars. A
documentary about Nass's plans
to colonize the Red Planet (r).
4.00 Not on Sunday visits 4.00 Not on Sunday visits
Sunderland and talks to priests
and to Bishop David Jenkins

Christian
4.30 Fifteen to One.
5.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King.
Amanda is asked to help find a letter that proves that a triple

8.00 A Different World. American 11.06 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.06 Hodson Confidential 12.30mm Filter Cold Blood 2.00 Sports Action 2.00 The Time...The Piece 3.45 Culz Night 4.15 America's Top 10 4.45-4.00 Fifty Years On.

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In sickness and in health

TELEVISION CHOICE

 There must have been dozens of television documentaries about multiple sclerosis but none has brought home the impact of the disease more graphically than Riding the Gale (Channel 4, 10.30pm). Kim and Genni Batterham, the Australian couple who made it, were married io October 1978. Genni, then 23, was in the early stages of multiple sclerosis and already walking with a stick. She was reluctant to go through with the wedding. Kim insisted that they did. Given two years to live, Genni has cheated that grim prognosis and survived for 10 though her condition has steadily deteriorated. She is confined to a wheelchair and has to be dressed. No longer able to swallow, she is fed through a tube inserted io her stomach. Her sight is poor enough for her to be legally blind and her speech is so slurred that the film is sensibly shown with subtitles. Riding the Gale is tough, un-



Genni and Kim Batterham, whose devotion to each other has endured despite their appalling circumstances (C4, 10.30pm)

sentimental and frank. We stances. No ooe knows what cannot help but admire causes MS and no one has yet Genni's courage but her tears are born of genuine paio aod she has often been to the brink of despair. Had it not been for the unshakeable devotion of her husband, she might have ended it all. This is not only a film about disease but also the chronicle of an extraordinary love affair which has endured in the most appalling circum-

6.35 Weather, followed by News Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Rimsky Korsakov (Capricolo espagnol: Los Angeles PO under Jesus Lopez-Cobos); Stravinsky (Four Etudes: Sulsse Romance Orchestra under Ernest Ansermet)
7.30 News
7.36 Morning Concert (contd): Nielsen (Overbure to Helios: Swedish RSO under Esepekta Salonen); Saint-Saerts (Septet in E flat Op 65: Maurice Andre, trumpet, Alain Moglia and Gerard Jarry, violins, Serge Collot, viola, Michel Tournus, callo, Jacques Cazauran, doublebuss, and Jean-Philippe Collard, piano); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber; Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy)
8.30 News

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8.35 Composers of the Week:
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Warner Orchestra under the composer, piano); Steiner (The Big Sieep; National Pounder Charles Gerhardt); Rozsa (Valse crepusculsins; Albert Dominquez, piano; and Quo Vadis; Royal Philitermonic Chorus and Orchestra under the

9.25 Villa-Lobos: Dennis Lee

(piano) plays Hommage a Chopin, and A prole do bebe (Book Two) 10.05 Music for a Royal Flaurist:

Janet See (baroque flute), Janet See (baroque flute), Richard Boothby (callo) and Mitzl Meyerson, harpstchord, play J J Quantz' Sonata No 1 in D; and C P E Bach's Sonatas

In E minor and A minor for

publications of John Playford from the original Elizabethan settings to versions in The Beggar's

Plano Concerto in A minor; and Sibellus's Symphony

Versions in The beggar's
Opera (r)
11.10 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra: Owaln Arwel
Hughes conducts the first
performance of Adrian
Williams's Dies irae for
orchestra; Schumann's
Blees Concepte in Aminor

in E manor and A manor for solo flute 10.40 Musick's Delight: Broadside Band directed by Jeremy Barlow with John Potter (tenor) perform dances and balled times from the cubilizations of John

6.55 Weather, followed by News

found a cure. To that extent Riding the Gale is bleak aod without hope. Genni is not going to get better and the prospect of death frightens her. But the Batterhams are quite a couple and their film is a moving testament to the durability of the human spirit.

Peter Waymark

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(104.8), the Midlends (98.4), the
North (98.8), South Wales, Avon
and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire
(98.2), central Scotland (98.6)
and Belfast (98.0) and MW
(medium wave).
News on the half-hour form
6.30em until 8.30em, then at
10.30 and 12.30em.
5.30 Adrien John 7.00 Simon
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12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve
Wright 8.30 Newsbest 5.45
Bruno Brookes 7.00 Top of the
Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip
Schofield live on Thursday 8.30
Andy Kershew 10.30 Nicky
Campbell 12.30em-2.00 Richard
Skinner.

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YHF Stereo **MW** (medium Wave)
News on the hour.
4.00 Steve Medden 5.30 Chris
Stuert 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria
Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love
5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wally
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WORLD SERVICE

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7.00 - News 7.00 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.00 Meditweston 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Path 8.15 Gospel Explorations 8.20 9.00 News 8.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.00 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Lines From My Grandiather's Forehead 11.00 News 11.05 News about British 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Cholos 11.30 Londres Mid 12.00 News 10.00 News 1

Radio 3 No 2 in D. With Hugh Tirney (olano), includes 12.03 interval reading 1.00 News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Pebble Mit. Selomon String Quartet with Timothy Mason (cello) play Schubert's Quantet in C (D 956) 5.05 Fortunic; Andre Messager's four-act comedy about a go-

2.05 Fortunio: Andre Messager's four-act comedy about a gobeween, performed by Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera de Lyon under Gardiner, with Thierry Dran (tenor) in the title role and Colette Allot-Lugaz (soprano) and Giltes Cachemaille (baritone) as the clandestine lowers 4.10 C P E Bach's Viola da Gamba Sonatas: Richard

Gamba Sonatas: Richard Boothby, Susanna Pell and Nicholas Parle (harpsichord) play Sonatas for harpsichord in E minor; for viola da gamba and continuo in C; and for parasichord in A mino

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5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: With Edward Seckerson

7.05 Third Ear; Frans Bruggen In conversation with Michael 7.30 Scartatti Sonatas: played by Maggie Cole (harpsichord)

6.00 Berlioz end Messiaen: Celebration of Messiaen's Both birthday live from Westminster Cathedral, London, Messigen's Et London, Messlaen's Ex exspecto resurrectionern mortuorum, and Trois petitas liturgies; and Berlioz' Ta Deum performed by BBC SO under David Atherton, BBC Singers under Simon Joly, BBC Symphony Chorus under Gareth Morrell, London Choral Society under Ronald Corp. Society under Ronald Corp., Southend Boys Cholr under Michael Crabb and Choir of

Michael Crabb and Choir of Southend High School for Boys under Roger Humphrey, with Philip Langridge (tenor), Paul Crossley (piano) and Jeanne Loriod (ondes Martenot)

10.10 Music in Our Time: Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend with Penelope Walmsley-Clark perform Peter Paul Nash's A Silent Shower: Elena Frisova's Shower; Elena Firsova's Forest Walks; and Jonath Harvey's Tendril for 11

11.00 Composers of the Week J S Bach: Kantor, Kapeli-meister and Organist (r) 12.00 News 12.05 Closedown

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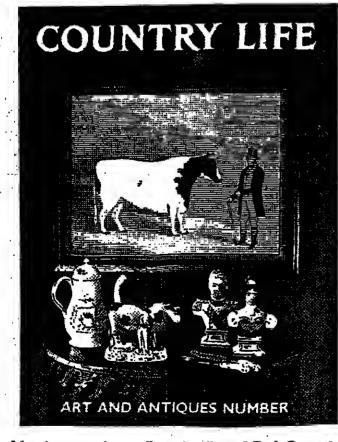
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Magpie, eccentric or collector's collector? Dark Corners of a Cotswold Manor explored Architectural drawings go through the roof What dolls' houses can tell historians Putting lead back into your garden The British invention that lead the world in ceramics for a century Frank Davis's inimitable report on what's happening at auction Plus informed coverage of estates and agriculture, architecture,

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5.48 Shipping Forecast
6.60 News Briefing; Weather
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10.45 An Act of Worship (s).

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11.25 Conversation Pleas Sue MacGregor talks to John Dobeon, tenor with the Royal Opera House company for 30 years (see Choice).

11.35 First Person: First-time broadcasters who have a story to tell. (13 of 14).

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12.06 News; You and Yours.

12.25 Second Thoughts: Contedy series with James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (7 of 8) (s) (r) 12.35 Weather.

1.00 The World at One.

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.35 Shipping Forecast.

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by Neil Shemon about the problems and pressures sponsorship brings to a merathon runner. With John

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4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Fords and
David Lodge visit the Striish
Museum reading room, the
setting for the latter's novel
and, some have said, the
"crucible of inspiration"

4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: Presented by Frances
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Williams 5.50 Shipping
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6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
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Clough and Louis Alien preside (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers

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7.20 Any Answers? Brian Gear with a selection of listeners' responses to subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?
7.30 The Radio Programme:
Laurie Taylor with the magazine about radio and its programmes (r)
6.00 Letter from Mozambique by Jeremy Harding (r)
8.15 Analysis: Eastward Ho.
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9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
Magazine for disabled Isteners and their families. Passented by Kati Whitaker

9.30 Andy Kershaw with recordings from the BBC Sound Archives (r)

9.45 Kaleidoscope: A review of the Victorian melodrama The Bells, opening in Laicester, including an interview with the director David D'Shea; David Pountney take about his production of Rimsky Korsakov's operatia

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English National Opera; plus
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VHF as above except: 1.55-2.60pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time

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CHOICE

RADIO



John Dobson: the first-rate

second fiddle (R4, 11.25am) Even among second fiddles there are first ranks, and John Dobsoo is one of them. Not for him the principal tenor roles in opera, though he once had his share of them, as he tells Sue MacGregor in Conversation Piece (Radio 4 11.25am). Casting around for some suitable metaphor to describe his satellite relationship with the big names at Covent Garden, MacGregor comes up with the male partner to a ballerina. Dobson is not much taken with this and offers his own: making the lead singer look better, like the setting for a beautiful di-amond. Being left or right of centre stage has had its compensations for Dobson. How else could he have sung more than 85 different roles in more than 1,600 productions in 30 years? The other compensation (though Dobson is too modest to mention in) is that ofteo, the comprimario - Italian for second part - can practically steal the show, and all you need to do to confirm this in Dobson's case is consult any good press cuttings collection. In the eulogies for his Borsa, Spoleto and Mime, you will find no echoes of "Why Am I Always a Bridesmaid, Never

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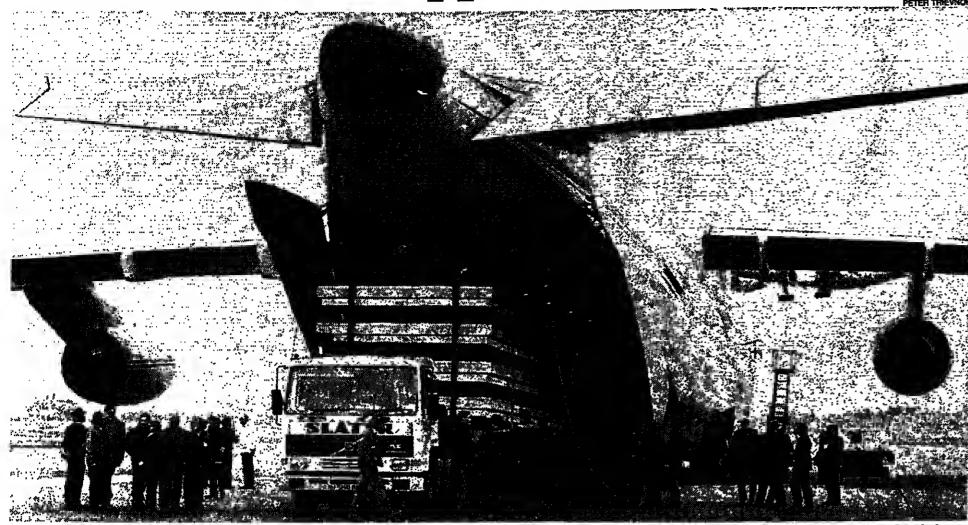
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Thatcher adds support to Armenian aid



A giant Russian-built Antonov 124 being loaded at Heathrow airport yesterday before leaving for Moscow with emergency aid for Armenian earthquake victims. By Andrew Billen

victims of the terrible earthquake in

The Prime Minister vesterday sent a message of support to the organizers of Saturday's "Musicians for Armenia" concert at the Barbican Hall,

In a letter which will appear as a foreword to the official progamme. Mrs Margaret Thatcher says: "I am very grateful to all those who have so generously agreed to take part in this concert to raise money for the

"We are all united in our sup for them. The response of the British public has been one of great warmth and generosity, providing help and urgently needed supplies of every ort. I am sure this concert will mean that response will be even more nerous. "It shows that a great tragedy can help bring people to-gether so that they stretch out the hand of friendship across the East-

Mrs Thatcher is away from London on Saturday but the Government will be represented by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary. He will join Mr Leonid Zamyatin,

the Soviet Ambassador, and Mr Nikolai Fedosov, his cultural attaché. Mr David Sigall, chairman of the British Association of Concert ets, yesterday said that financial Age contributions from his members and their clients had taken the association's Armenia appeal to more than £170,000. Contributions include

£100,000 from RCA Victor, which is releasing a record and video of the concert, from which royalties will go to the appeal. The concert, which is being sponsored by The Times, begins at 11pm and will be broadcast live on BBC 2 and Radio 3.

The programme includes Beethoven's Coriolan Overture conducted by André Previn with the English Chamber Orchestra; James Galway playing Debussy's Syrinx; Mstislav Rostropovich, playing Villa-Lobos' Bachianas Brasileiras No. 1, and

accompanying Galina Vishney skaya, his wife in sougs by Tchaikovsky. Vladimir Ashkenazy and Sir Yehndi Mennhin are amo musicians who are to breadcast essages of support. Tickets are available from £10

(including domation) from the Bar-bican booking office (01-638 8891). Sponsorship inquiries should be directed to Mr Joeske van Walsum chairman of the organiz mittee, on 01-741 5881.

The devastation, page 9

awson expected to stay as Chancellor after a reshuffle By Philip Webster Chief Political

Senior ministers believe there is a growing likelihood that Mr Nigel Lawson will stay nn as Chancellor of the Exchequer after Mrs Margaret Thatcher carries out her expected large mid-term reshuffle next

The recent conventional wisdom at Westminster that because of his difficulties over the economy will be back on it be known that he wants to

ister and the emergency interest rate action forced on him by the massive trade some of the Chancellor's senior Cabinet colleagues.

They believe that Mr intensely proud man, will want to stay on rather than go out on a low note after a highly successful term as Chancellnr.

uccessful term as Chancellnr. year. But senior ministers
Although they are confident believe that if Mr Lawson lets

ferences with the Prime Min-ministers believe it could be some time after then that the full benefits of the recent corrective action taken by the deficit, is being challenged by Government will be obvious to the country and MPs.

Mrs Thatcher had been expected to break the logiam Lawson, who they see as an at the top of her Cabinet by shuffling the top three posts, Chancellor, Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary, next

he has set himself, it would be last two months when he was politically impossible for Mrs Thatcher to remove him against his will, or indeed would want to oust the man she and her colleagues regard as the best Chancellor the Government has at its

Her room for manoeuvre would as a consequence be severely constrained. Mr Lawson is not felt to want to become Foreign Secretary.

long-term future grew over the embroiled in a row nver a briefing be gave to political. correspondents which resulted in reports that he planned to extend means-testing of pensioners' benefits.

Differences earlier in the year with Mrs Thatcher over the glitter off Mr Lawson's the exchange rate policy and successful tenure of the Treathe news that Sir Alan Walters sury, and harmed his reputwas to return to Downing ation for competence. Cabinet Street next year as Mrs Thatcher's adviser reinforced Doubts over Mr. Lawson's the view among Conser- increase interest rates again.

be relieved to return to the backbenches and take a job in the City.

The recent succession of rises in interest rates, leading to mnrtgage rate increases more than cancelling out earlier tax cuts, have also taken sources are optimistic that Mr Lawson will not have to

By-election sketch

All still standing yeah, yeah, yeah

Anxious to avoid the horror of an afternoon by-election visit by Dennis Healey, dressed as Father Christmas your sketch writer visited Epping early, dressed as a Even then - one must

report - children were being locked away indoors lest a sighting of the bushy-eyebrowed old rascal scare them out of their tiny wits. It put me in mind of a letter I had to answer, ten years ago, on Mrs Thatcher's behalf, from an anxious mother. "Dear Mrs Thatcher, all our family do so admire you; and, of course, your Mr Whitelaw is a most intelligent man. But something about his face seems to terrify our little girl. She has got the idea that he is a monster, and she suffers from nightmares whenever he appears on your broadcasts. Would it be possible to see that he is not on television before 9pm when she goes to bed?"

But back to La Bonne Table, the Liberal Democrats' 9am venue at Loughton, in the Epping constituency. Their candidate, Andrew Thompson, looks like a pleasantly ambitious dentist. Flanked by Charles Kennedy, MP, (who really should be in a tracksuit presenting Playschool) and the veteran Liberal organiser Andrew "Smelly" Ellis (who reminds one of those patchily-shaved cycle-clipped post graduate students studying astro-physics at Downing College) the Democrat team was the most entertaining of our morning.

Mr ThnMPson (as the leaflets print it) described his search for the most unlikelysounding names on the voters roll. Rosy Sunshine was one (a certain Liberal, surely?) But Mercedes Winbeing. So much for Mr Murdow could not be found.

Little of the Conservative Press conference sank in, I fear, as I was reeling from a sighting of Lord Lucan at the wheel of a blue Montego 1.6L, engine running, smack outside the Tory venue.

Steve Norris, their candidate, himself a car dealer, may know something about it, but he wasn't letting on Quietly confident, he will - if he wins - become one of the few MPs whose election takes them into a more honourable profession. One hastens to

personally, but he has the trade patter well-taped. Signs of voter-apathy? Predictions of a low turn-out? "Ah, the proximity of Christmas, you realize: and remember we're working on a very old regforton is

ister." It must be an effortiess transfer from the old job. A knocking sound in the main bearing? "Ah no, that would just be the tappets, sir - a little adjustment needed, perhaps." Morris Itals not selling well? "On the contrary, sir, enormous buyer-interest

At least Mr Norris has a sense of humour. Announcing a post-election Press conence, he was asked whether it depended on his winning "Good heavens no. There'll be more interest in me if lose than if I win!" The SDP candidate's Press

conference was marked by a

fairly good natured exchange between their man, Mr Pettman, and a respected Fleet Street commentator who had reported that "surprise, surprise" the SDP's figures showed them breathing down the Tory's necks. The SDP's leaflet had reprinted an extract from his column with all words blocked out until the phrase "figures show the SDP breathing down the Tory's necks." And, finally, to Labour's

conference. Gordon Brown, their treasury spokesman was there, reading out a pre-release about "higher mortgages... economic mismanagement... deterieconomic orating quality of life..." etc. He was looking and sounding depressingly like a politician. Labour's candidate, a rather nervous Stephen Murray, was looking and sounding encouragingly like a human

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MIEREST RATES

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ray's chances. As I left the Loughton Hall community centre, a ladies' their weight-watching aerobics session, to the music of Elton John.

"Come on girls, knees higher!" called the instructor. And the record played:
'Tm still standing, year

"Looking like a true SULVIVOR, Feeling like a little kid. I think I remember how Mr

Murray felt.

Matthew Parris

£500,000 adverts for eggs

infected with salmonella had already cost the taxpaver £500,000 and could cost £10 million to £20 million if the dramatic slump in demand for eggs forced the ministry to start culling flocks and compensating farmers.

Mr Paul Marland, the Conservative MP for West Gloucestershire, whn has already called for Mrs Currie's dismisal, said that a £500,000 campaign did nnt amnunt tn

much set against the back-

ground of 10,000 egg industry workers facing the sack by Christmas. "I don't think the ad is

gning to do any good. It's a public information activity rather than anything else. The damage has been done."

The advertisement will point out that eggs are a valuable and nutritious part of a balanced diet and that, in normal circumstances, Britnns consume 30 millinn a day.

"The number of reported cases of food poisoning from

salmonella linked to eggs is very small by comparison with the huge numbers of eggs that are consumed", it says. "So far this year there have

been 49 reported outbreaks of salmnnella traced back to eggs. These outbreaks have affected 1,000 people, but this underestimates the numbers."

Sales have plummeted by at least 60 per cent since Mrs Currie's remarks. More than 300 millinn eggs remain

Leading article, page 17

Mappa Mundi hope

The authorities of Hereford Chancellor of the Cathedral Cathedral have held talks with a consortion suggesting millions of pounds could be raised by selling shares in the 13th Century Mappa Mundi.

The Dean of Hereford, the Very Reverend Peter Haynes, has also held discussions with a solicitor representing several wealthy clients, who want to discuss saving the map for the nation before it is auctioned at Sotheby's in June.

Canon John Tiller, the

said yesterday that the conat had suggested sellin reproductions of the map to areholders to help raise the £7 million needed for the cathedral's financial future.

Canon Tiller said: "On that basis the map would stay in Hereford, but would be prescated to the public in a much more marketable way as a

Collections alarm, page 5

US urges Israeli pull-out

General Walters urged the UN to tell the parties involved that their dispute was resolvable. "We are tired of this conflict and tired of their unwillingness to make fair compromises. We must tell them that the time has come to agree that a negotiated settlement is required."

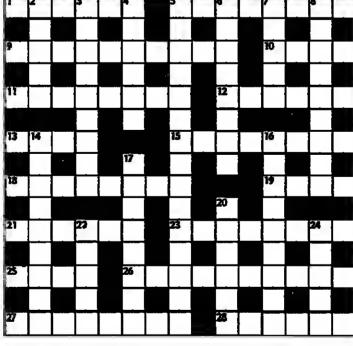
His speech, made 24 hours

than had been expected. It came amid favourable reactions to Mr Arafat's speech from all quarters except Jerusalem, Washington and rad-ical Palestinian groups. Most capitals, including London, were impressed by Mr Arafat's apparent attempts to steer the PLO towards moderation.

Diplomatic sources said after the appearance at the UN that the importance of Gen-nf Mr Yassir Arafat, the eral Walters' words lay in their chairman of the Palestine timing. Washington has althat the importance of General Walters' words lay in their Liberation Organization, was ways supported UN Resolu-

to withdraw from the occupied territories, but by repeating its position at the special UN session he implied that Washington would not sup-port Jerusalem's refusal to talk to the PLO. His speech partly nffset a reaction to the speech by the US State Department, which said that while the tone of Mr Arafat's address was "an improvement", the PLO leader did not "clearly and unambiguously" address US demands.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,853



ACROSS

1 Walpole nominated as poet (6).

5 A raw quarter-back who tackled the Trojans (8). 9 Revolutionary time not apt for

10 Computer for better transport

11 Refreshment for the gallery (2). 12 Dutch settler carries little weight at the Bar (6).

13 "Hollow pamper'd Jades of _____" (2 Hen. IV) (4).

15 Satellite winged for an Apollomission (2). 18 Master desire to be impetuous

19 Female not quite county (4). 21 Reckoning say the value of Richard's kingdom (6).

23 Spin out elegant composition above love (8). 25 Kitchener would have held one to be most important (4). 26 Relating to the order in which flags should be placed (10).

27 He got MP confused with a

vitty remark (8). ons housed initially under A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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5 Is this the attraction of Polar bears? (6,9). 6 Guide for worker going to work

4 Failing by a point to pass (6).

7 You need the right numbers for this children's game (5). 8 Cut out of the middle of Her-

14 Powerboat with funnels? (9). 16 Greyish plant on the lawn (4-5).

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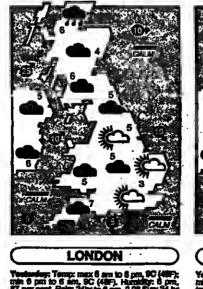
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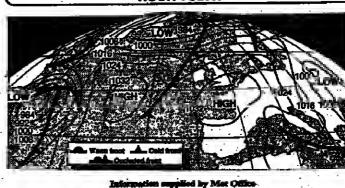
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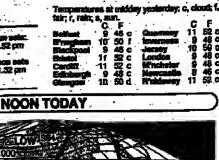
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THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 1988

Executive Editor David Brewerton

Morton is 'relaxed' on protest Mr Alastair Morton.

said yesterday he was "re-laxed" over protests from the five French companies digging the tunnel that they were being unfairly blamed for a six-month slippage in the project. Mr Morton said he believed their reaction stemmed from a public warning he delivered last August to Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French construction consortium.

In the City, where Eurotunnel shares rose 2p to 419p, it is understood that Mr Morton is applying behindthe scenes pressure to ensure initial delays are minimized.

Polly Peck up Pre-tax profits at Polly Peck, the international trader, increased from £86.2 million to £107.3 million in the year to September 3. A second in-terim dividend of 5p is de-clared, payable on February

Tempus, page 26 Bulmer fall

Pre-tax profits of HP Bulmer, the cider maker, fell by 19 per cent in the six months to the end of October to £6.2 million. The interim dividend is up 5 per cent to 2.685p a share.

Payout jumps

Charter Consolidated's interim dividend rises by 0.5p to chairman, declined to forecast 4.75p a share following interim pre-tax profits of £32.1 million (£26.1 million). Tempus, page 26

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Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Coats Viyella (01187) with a profits downgrading lost 11p; Charter Consolidated (03253) slipped 28p on restructuring proposals; Lonrho (01182) was down 3p on doubts over the

Bond holding. · Recent additions include: Haemocell 03528: Apollo Metals 03529: Apollo Metals 8% conv

pref 03530. Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Coats Viyella warns of 40% profits slump

By John Bell, City Editor

Coats Viyella, the textiles and clothing group, sur-prised the City with a warning that profits could slump by 40 per cent this year because of high interest rates and the strong pound.

The unscheduled statement, which immediately lopped 12p nff the group's share price, said that trading conditions in the British textile business had taken a turn for the worse since the interim statement in September. At that time Coats Viyella shares plunged on news nf a £5 million fall m half-time profits and a warning of heavy job losses.

Mr David Alliance, Coats

chairman, views the measures behind the profits fall as positive action which will leave the group stronger. But his warning comes against a background of deep pessi-mism in most of the textiles industry.

Last month Courtaulds reported a £4 million fall in interim profits to £98 million and Sir Christopher Hogg, the the full year outcome because of oncertain conditions.

Many High Street clothing retailers have launched pre-Christmas sales in anticipatioo of a tough start to 1989. Britaio's trade deficit in textiles and clothing over the first nine months of the year grew from £2.2 billion to £2.6 billion, accounting for roughly

a quarter of the country's

negative trade balance. Io a Commnns debate last Friday MPs of all parties criticized the Government for what they saw as its failure to defend the British textile industry from a flood of cheap imports. Figures from the expense of those operations dend of 6p for the year.

British Textile Confederation show imports 9 per cent higher by value in the first nine months of 1988 while

exports rose nnly 2 per cent. Mr Alliance said that the current combination of high interest rates, strong imports and pressure on consumer spending did not amount in a crisis for the industry. "But nthers may have to take the kind of action that we have

Textile workers are bracing themselves for further job losses next year after a year of restructuring and closures which led to thousands of

already put in hand," he said.

Mr Tom Kirk, general sec-retary of the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers, blamed increased cheap imports and lack of government action for the extreme measures taken by Coats Viyella. "This is not a happy time for the industry. We are very concerned about

Coats Viyella's knitwear factory in Mansfield is closing and smaller units are earmarked for closure. The company has reduced its workforce by 4,000 in 1988.

The lower profits would arise partly from stronger determination to bold nn to our market share," he said.
"Though we are importing and will continue to do so in selective parts of our business, nf £25 million to be dealt with we have resisted the tempta-

which we believe can be made internationally competitive,"

Mr Alliance said Coats Viyella spent more than £80 millinn in 1987 on making the business more efficient. It would spend more than £80 million this year and oext.

In the City, the leading textiles analyst Mr David Buck of BZW, said that Coats Vivella had been swift to take account of the negative effects nf "Black Friday", last month when interest rates jumped 1 percentage point to 13 per cent in response to a record trade deficit. The direct impact of higher interest rates had little impact on the leading quoted companies which bad lnw borrowings, he said. But the secondary effect of lower consumer spending and stronger sterling could be significant.

He firecast that UK textile volume might fall next year for the first time since 1981 and that import prices could drop 19 per cent relative to British manufactured goods.

Coats also gave warning that inflatinn in Latin America, where it has a substantial business, had become more severe and that this would also affect profits for 1988. Present indications are that pre-tax profits for the year could be as much as 40 per sterling and the adverse effect cent down after charging oon no translatino of overseas recurring costs of around £15 earnings, which account for milling. This would reduce about half the group's total, the full-year outcome to "But they also arise from our around £128 million before

as extraordinary items below tion to go for easy profits by the line. The board intends to importing even more at the pay an unchanged final divi-

RTZ launches negotiations to buy BP mineral interests

By Colin Campbell

RTZ last night entered formal and exclusive talks with British Petroleum to buy the oil company's minerals assets worldwide, with the exception of the 64 per cent-owned BP

The deal is conservatively valued at £1.8 billion, though the price could reach £2 and include Bingham Canyon billion, and raises questions of mine. how RTZ would fund its

RTZ and BP said a further annnuncement will be made The mioeral interests of BP cover precious metals and

Co-op jumps in

with new

bank account

By Maria Scott

The Co-operative Bank is

attempting to steal some thun-

der from leading high street

clearing banks by launching

an interest-bearing current ac-

count several weeks before

The bank estimates it has

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Tony Berry, chairman of Blue Arrow,

the world's largest employment agency, was pressed to resign as head of its

Manpower subsidiary in the United States last night after an emergency

They protested at the "forced resigna-

tion" last week of Mr Mitchell

Fromstein, the founder and former chief

executive of Manpower, and declared a

vote of no confidence in the new

The row will come as a further blow to

confidence in Blue Arrow shares, un-

changed last night at 83½p - still 40 per cent adrift of the peak in August 1987

before the rights issue to pay for the

A total of 109 representatives of the

161 members of the Association of Manpower Franchise Owners aimed

their resolution at Mr Berry, Mr William

management, headed by Mr Berry.

Manpower takeover.

meeting held by the franchise owners.

about 3 per cent of the

they dn.

nsual services.

uranium, titanium, copper, to zinc and lead. The geographical spread takes in Norway, Mexico, South Africa, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, the United States and Alaska. Most of the assets under discussion are in the US

table recorded an operating a natural extention of its profit of £180 million in the first nine mooths of 1988, compared with a profit of Friday have fallen on funding £125 million for all of 1987.

minerals from gold, silver, roughly 8 per cent of BP Group's total fixed assets as at the end of December, then valued at £22.6 billion.

BP's planned sale would be in line with its philosopby of returning to its roots.

For RTZ; fairly flush with cash from recent asset sales to complement its own substantial cash resources, the pur-The metals assets on the chase of BP Minerals would be mining/mineral interests.

RTZ shares, which since fears, were 4p higher last night The assets for sale equate to at 393p. BP rose 6p tn 259p.

Train-making to be sold by Laird

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Franchise owners pass vote of no confidence

owners at a meeting io Chicago.

appointed management.

of Blue Arrow shareholders, Manpower

employees and Manpower franchisees

will not be served under the newly

dn everything possible to bring this

message to those whn can respond and

remove the newly-appointed manage-

ment, in whom we have no confidence."

opinion over how the business should be

A spokesman for the franchise owners

"There is a major difference of

We authorize a special committee to

Laird, the sealings, packaging not. Laird estimates that taxis and is talking to more parts of the business, mainly from abroad.

personal current account mar-Laird is to sell the divisinn ket and hopes to drive that figure up 10 5 per cent. barely 4 per cent of group Interest rises in four bands, profits compared with more than half in 1983. from 4.5 per cent net of tax on balances up to £400 to 8.5 per

cent on balances of more than The account includes all the maker, but train-making is Underground.

and engineering group, has a excluding the results of the for sale sign on its Metro-transport division, its pre-tax Cammell interests in manu-facturing trains, buses and in this month will exceed those of 1987. Interest in train than six possible buyers for manufacture is large because both London Underground and British Rail's Network South East are about in start partly because it contributes placing orders which could be worth at least £800 millinn.

Metro-Cammell makes commuter trains such as those The huses and cabs npera-tion, which trades as Metro-and has been the leading Cammell Weymann, is a loss-manufacturer for London

Berry under pressure at Manpower feelings are also shared by a number of

Markey, chief operating officer for major shareholders." Manpower, and its deputy chairman, Mr John Sharkey, who joined Blue Arrow from Saatchi & Saatchi last month. A Blue Arrow spokesman in London said the company was surprised at the The resolution, addressed to the board reaction from the franchise owners of Blue Arrow, was passed after Mr Berry considering they had only met the new and Mr Markey spoke to the franchise management oo one occasion. But there was oo question of Mr Berry stepping It said: "The long-term best interests

There has been persistent speculation in the past few months that Mr Fromstein would be keen to stage a management buyout of Manpower.

Since the takeover Manpower has been ruo autonomously by Mr Fromstein but as time has progressed there have been increasing differences of opinion nver future strategy.

Mr Fromstein fought a fierce battle to stop the company falling into the hands nf Blue Arrow and some observers have thought it only a matter of time before he "The owners are unhappy and their left the scene.

A toast to success for Midsummer



Cashing in on the leisure boom: Adam Page, Midsummer's chairman, celebrates a sharp rise in profits yesterday

Midsummer Leisure, the public house, snooker club and discothèque company, has cashed in on the leisure boom by lifting pre-tax profits 176 per cent last year to £6.4 million (Cliff Feltham

Turnover rose from £17.5 million to just over £40 million. Earnings per share rose 51 per cent to 10.4p, while

shareholders collect a 75 per cent hike in the total dividend to 2.8p. we have issued little paper this year, so I think the shares should be higher".

the total dividend to 2-8p.

Mr Adam Page, the chairman, said he was surprised the City had not warmed to his company's shares. With analysts looking for about £11 million this year, the shares, 3p better at 170p, are on a prospective price/earnings ratio of just nver 10. "Growth is still accelerating and

The bulk of profits came from leisure retailing, which includes the chain of Riley snooker clubs, earnings rising from £2.5 million to £6.1 million. Leisure services contributed £886,000 (£177,000) and contract services £767,000

Unprecedented move after boom in public finances

'Reverse auction' to buy gilts

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chan-cellor has announced that the sector debt renavment of £9.8 per cent 1989 and Exchequer ficials said. cellor, bas announced that the Bank of England is to hold a "reverse auctioo" next month, in order to buy in £500 millioo of gilt-edged securities.

The unprecedented reverse auction, on January 13, will formalize the process of buying in gilts, which the Bank of England has been doing quietly for several mooths.

The need has arisen because though more are likely in the case money market pressures some time to come, of the favourable situation for future, will be for two short-

Factory

output up

strongly

show. But nverall industrial

production was hit by the

The index of manufacturing

output rose 0.2 per cent in

October, to a level 6.1 per cenl

up on a year earlier. In the

latest three months, output

was 2.3 per cent up nn the previous three months and 6.8

per cent up on a year earlier.

Industrial production as a

whnle fell by 0.3 per cent in

October. In the latest three

months it rose by 0.7 per cent,

and by 3.2 per cent on a year earlier, below the officially

estimated trend growth rate of

Officials said the trend rate

of growth in manufacturing

was about 7 per cent. Output

has been recording growth rates of 5.5 per cent or more

since the spring of last year, and past evidence would sug-

gest that a slowdown is likely

But nfficials said there was

no slowdnwn shnwing up yet

in the figures, and the CBI's

latest industrial trends survey

suggested the strength of nut-

put will persist until well into

Electrical and instrument

engineering is the strongest

growing sector, with produc

tion up 5.5 per cent in the

5 per cent.

next year.

the New Year.

Piper Alpha oil disaster.

sector debt repayment of £9.8 per cent 1989 and Exchequer billion forecast for this year. In order to meet its commitment of exactly funding public sector borrowing, the debt repayment means the Bank of England has tn "unfund" by buying stock from the market.

The £500 million reverse auction, the only one in the current financial year, al-

11 per cent 1989. Financial institutions and individuals will be able tn

narticipate in the auction, as well as market-makers. For individuals, the minimum amount of stock that can be offered is £1,000. No dealing costs will be involved.

The auction will also help

The announcement helped produce a small rally in the gilt Mr Jnhn Shepperd, ecooomist at Warburg Securities, said the fact that reverse

auctions were being in-troduced suggested official expectations were of public sector debt repayments for

Dollar falls despite US deficit cut

to \$10.35 billion (£5.65 billioo) last month, from \$10.67 billinn in September (David provement failed to impress Manufacturing annout continued to rise strongly through the autumn, official figures the markets and the dollar fell

back sharply. The trade deficit narrowed \$27.67 billion (\$27.99 billion) and imports fell to \$38.02 bil-

The US trade deficit narrowed lioo (\$38.66 billinn). But import weakness persuaded some market operators that the Federal Open Market Smith writes). But the im- Committee will delay tightening US monetary policy.

This was seen as leaving the dollar vulnerable as interest rates in Europe are rising. The in October as exports fell to central banks of Belgium and the Netherlands raised key interest rates by a quarter of a

point yesterday and West German money market rates rose in the expectation of a increase in the Lombard rate to 5.5 per cent - to be agreed at the Bundesbank Council

meeting today. The dollar closed 1.2 pfennigs down at DM1.7365. The pound rose balf a cent to \$1.8325. It fell 1.5 pfennigs to DM3.1821 against the mark.

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Bunzl offshoots in £22 million buyout

Bunzl has sold its London paper trading activities to its management for £6.5 million in cash and the assumption of debt, which takes the final price to about £22 million. Meteor Holdings, the new company formed by the management, has backing from 3i, Hill Samuel, and CIN. It has secured further funding from the National Westminster Bank and will also have support from Banzl in the form of a £3.5 million interest-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

The business being sold comprises Bunzl Pulp and Paper (Sales) and 11 other companies operating in Britain, Europe and the Far East. Their combined sales last year totalled

P&O's £1.9m Interim £5m French buy

P&O is to buy 15 per cent of Halma, the safety, security Les Constructeurs Prof- and environmental control Les Constructeurs Professioneis Associés (Copra), the French builder, through Bovis International, its subsidiary, for FFr21.6 million (£1.98 million) cash. Bovis and Copra will also form a Paris management contracting company, Bovis Copra, to be jointly owned and op-erated by Bovis International and Copra. Each will hold a

at Halma

group, raised pre-tax profits for the 26 weeks to October 1 from £3.87 million to £5.09 million. Turnover grew from £23.39 million to £28.15 million and earnings per share rose from 4.09p to 5.33p. An interim dividend of 0.816p (0.628p) is declared. The group's Apollo, Vol-umatic, and Wilkinson and Simpson all performed well.

Bejam under attack

In the last formal document to Bejam Group shareholders before the Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings offer reaches its next closing date, December 21, Mr Malcolm Walker, chairman of Iceland, says: "In our view, Bejam's current volume growth (sales compared to previous year) is 5 per cent negative. The fundamental difference between Iceland and Bejam is that of growth versus decline."

The document says Bejam has been "unwilling or unable to make a profit forecast for the year ending June 30, 1989." Mr Walker said: "We believe Bejam has not made a forecast because to do so would be an embarrassment to them."

Yale in \$40m Thornton up acquisition

Yale and Valor is buying Miami-Carey Corp, a large US maker of bathroom cabinets and associated products, for \$40 million (£21.8 million), satisfied by the issue of 7.44 million new shares -6.4 per cent of the enlarged equity - conditionally placed. Miami-Carey, a private company with three plants, had turnover of \$57.7 million and operating profits of \$4 million in 1987.

to £1.25m GW Thornton, the precision

engineer and computer ser-vices firm quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, had pre-tax profits of £1.25 million, np from £1.06 million (on a restated basis), in the year to October 1. Turnover increased to £13.8 million (£10.4 million) and the final dividend is raised 11 per cent to 2.5p for a total of 4.25p (3.7Sp). Earnings per share are 13.2p.

Baggeridge leaps 73%

Baggeridge Brick, the West Midlands brick manufacturer, reports a 73 per cent leap in pre-tax profits for the year to end-September, from £4.36 million to £7.54 million. Turnover increased 47 per cent from £16.99 million to £24.96 million, with earnings per share jumping 75 per cent from 14.22p to

A final dividend of 3.75p (2.50p) is declared, making 5p (3.25p). The board recommends a capitalization issue of one share for every share held. Mr Peter Ward, the chairman, said demand was high throughout the year, profits increasing at all factories.

certainly tried hard yesterday - Charter Consolidated has yet to convince the world that (Minorco) string.

Interim profits 23 per cent higher at £32.1 million, an underlying 44 per cent improvement by its own indus-trial subsidiaries, and two whole farthings more on the interim dividend making 4.75p a share, should have

sent Charter shares higher.
Instead, they tumbled 27p to 462p - solely because management poured as much cold water as it could on persistent thoughts that the revitalized Minorco, owner of 36 per cent of Charter's equity and determined to shake up its passive investments, is poised

The market reaction nicely illustrates the point that Charter's figures are largely academic, and that its future lies in the hands and mind of Sir Michael Edwardes and Minorco.

For the umpteenth time Charter unfolded a fresh "plan, of action"; outlined its determination to achieve yet higher returns on capital employed; and promised concentration on three or four main husiness areas.

All Charter businesses and investments are under review by a newly established strategy committee whose definitive study will only be announced invest heavily in arresting the includes Perrier, marketed by

Hoskyns

in 46%

advance

By Our City Staff

Hoskyns Group, one of Brit-

ain's largest computer services

companies, in which Plessey

acquired a 68.3 per cent stake

in July, reports a 46 per cent

rise in pre-tax profits for the vear to end-October, from

£6.50 million to £9.51 million.

Turnover was up 39 per

cent from £79.02 million to

just over £110 million. Earn-

ings per share rose 42 per cent

from 11.3p to 16.1p, including

organic revenue growth of 36

per cent, and the board is

paying a final dividend of 2p,

Mr Geoff Unwin, managing

director, said the company

had achieved satisfactory

growth and was well po-

sitioned to strengthen opera-

tions in Britain as well as

Analysts believe the com-

pany is well placed in its

markets and have upgraded

next year's profit forecast to

making 2.9p (2.1p).

left of its executive team pression is that, at last, Char-

The tenor of its statements and the insistence that there it is not just a puppet on a are no sacred cows, coupled with the language of the new palace guards, is a mirror image of the fresh investment spirit running through Minorco. And because Charter has a net cash position of £126 million, with every possibility of this being added to by sales of non-performingassets. Charter - even if only as a first cousin - is a very useful relation to have in any family. Via the company comes a stragetic 38 per cent in Johnson Matthey. Minorco

will thus certainly be conscious of family ties. IF Charter is not raided and sees out its March year end with its "independence" intact, then investors might well see pre-tax profits up at £61.5 million (£55.4 million), to put the shares at current levels on

11.4 times earnings. But whatever the figures, the investment mess clear. Charter will one day be chased — and caught — and investors meanwhile should not be short.

HP Bulmer

HP Bulmer, the cider producer, is locked into an expensive and dangerous strategy.

The Recruit Cosmos share

scandal, which last week top-

pled Japan's finance minister,

has claimed its latest victim in

Mr Hisashi Shinto, chairman

of the Nippon Telegraph and

Telephone Corporation, once

Japan's telecommunications

His resignation yesterday came after he went back on his

earlier statements and admit-

ted that £41,000 had been paid

into his bank account, his

share of the £95,000 windfall

profits made when his per-sonal secretary resold 10,000

shares in the Recruit Cosmos

bureaucrats and businessmen

political and business favours.

The value of the shares soared

when the company was later

floated on the stock market.

Mr Shinto, aged 78, is one of

several senior politicians, the share scandal.

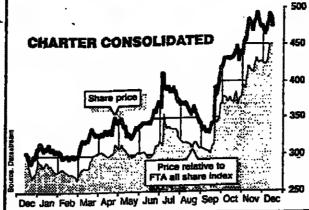
organic growth, and to seek priced stock in Recruit Cos- Miyazawa, the respected fi- December 1986.

property company.

expanding in Europe through to have been offered bargain-

moropoly.

Charter shares dim on bid damper ter has found a purpose.



fall and promoting its own brands at the same time. It is going to take several cent to £1.4 million.

years to discover whether the policy has worked and whether drinkers, now bombarded by heavy advertising from the brewing giants, will again start asking for a pint of scrumpy.

In the short term, Bulmer has to put up with shrinking profits. Unhappily, the situation could get worse before it gets better. For the six months to the end of October, the company saw pre-tax profits fall 19 per cent to £6.2 million, worse than analysts had been expecting.

A closer look at the figures shows that the cider and fruit juices division suffered a 32 per cent decline in profits to-Faced with a declining cider £4.3 million. Wines, spirits market, Bulmer has decided to and other drinks — which

NTT chairman goes in

Recruit share scandal

From Jne Joseph, Tokyo

Miyazawa: biggest casualty

week for his involvement in

far has been Mr Kiichi

forced to step down last Friday after clumsily chang-ing, again and again, his

But the biggest casualty so

Bulmer in Britain - pushed up its contribution by 11 per

But there are no complaints from Bulmer. It says the decline reflects the increased investment in marketing and the poor summer weather (when have we heard that before?) and it managed to increase its share of the cider market, probably by a point or so, to around 45 per cent.

But at what cost? The estimated £3 million to £4 million a year Bulmer is now spending in bring drinkers back to cider compares with the tens of millions invested by the major brewers on promoting lager. Bulmer is filling the gaps in its own portfolio, securing distribution rights for a new premium lager and for Newquay steam beers from Devenish.

Lockheed bribes affair for

Mr Shinto's disgrace was

compounded by embarrassing flashbacks on leading Japa-

nese news programmes last night showing a press con-ference he gave last month. Asked then if he had received

any profits from Recruit

shares, he answered: "That's

completely out of the ques-

tion. How could I face every-

body if I had done such a

The offering of Recruit

Cosmos shares to officials of

the now privatized NIT is

widely believed to he related

to the controversial resale to

Recruit by NIT of two US-

made supercomputers and

high-speed digital circuits in

garded as a quasi-govern-mental corporation, are pro-

hibited by law from receiving

vate firms with which NTT

Vol '000

Div: 5 (4.2)p

Dhv: 4 (2)p

CHEMRING GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.26 (£3.85)m EPS: 56.3 (51.6)p Div: 21.5 (18.6)p

Pre-tax: £1.81 (£1.08)m EPS: 10.28 (4.51)p Div: 1.5p mkg 2 (0.25)p

ERF HLDGS. (Int) Pre-tax: £2.64 (£1.60)m EPS: 30.32 (19.04)p

EVE GROUP (Int)

Pre-tax: 21.79 (£1.48)m

EPS: 12.4 (10.3)p

Div: 2 (1.5)p

FULLER SMITH & T (Int)

Pre-tax: 23.40 (23.22)m EPS: 8.90 (8.30)p Div 1.55% (1.32%)

Pre-tax: £0.91 (£0.62)m EPS: n/a Dlv: 2.4 (1.9)p

DANAE INVST. TST. (Int)

Pre-tax: £0.32 (£0.29)n EPS: 3.39 (3.03)p.

Div: 3 (2.55)p.

MOORGATE INV.TST.(Int)

Officials of NTT.

sensational revelations.

growth path with profits 60 per cent ahead and its Australian business reports strong sales of Strongbow. The second-half pattern should remain the same as Bulmer has warned of lower results for the

Analysts are looking for not much more than £12.5 million against £15 million last time. The shares, 10p down yesterday at 142p, are on a prospective multiple of about 11.5 where they look expensive against Bass on 7.6. Stick to the Strongbow but leave the shares alone.

Polly Peck

Poor Polly Peck parades its problem daily: in one word, credibility. Its lack is on display in a price arnings ratio which remains stubbornly nearer to five than 10.

In all its years, Polly has seldom even wavered on the high perch of expectations which a handful of brokers placed it. As ever more demanding profits targets were set, with the exception of one particularly difficult year, Polly met them.

The company has survived media suggestions not only that it could not be doing as well as it claimed, but also that operations it owned were nothing more than a collection of tin huts and a vivid piece of imagination.

Against that background one of must be measured the increase market.

September 3 from £86.2 million to £107 million before tax, a 15 per cent rise in carnings per share and the forecast dividend increase.

Polly is extending its financial year to December 31, which will cover 16 months for which profits of £1425

million have been forecast. The seasonal bias in the business suggests that for the 12 months of 1988 (which will be the base from which 1989 projections will have to be made) will produce profits of around £110 million before tax, and 1989 could see nearly £150 million.

The company is seeking to increase the quality of earnings in order to raise the status of its shares. It has come a long way from its roots as a carton manufacturer and fruit packer in Cyprus, and with 43 per cent of sales now in Europe, can be regarded as a fullyfledged international trader.

In that light, gearing of 60 per cent is modest while interest cover of more than nine is luxurious.

Little by little, the group's credibility problem, which arose from the brief period when the shares were a "wonder stock" chased by all the spivs in the City, will evaporate.

The shares at 272p on a prospective price/earnings ratio of under six for 1989 are one of the best buys on the

Corporate Estates forms £70m group

By Geoffrey Foster

listed property group, is merg-ing with Marylebone Estates, an unquoted commercial property investment and development group.

The deal will create a company with an asset value of £70 million and cash and bank balances of £8.4 million.

The merger, which is conditional on prior approval of sharebolders at an extraordinary general meeting called for January 6, is to be effected by Corporate Estates acquiring the entire share capital of ME for the issue of 15.2 million new ordinary shares in

Kitkat & Aitken, the broker, will handle the £1 million vendor placing.

Mr Leonard Phillips, the managing director of CE, has greed to place up to a sonal shareholding.

Based on a price of 75p for

Corporate Estates, the USM- £11.37 million. Corporate Estates, at the same time, has forecast a four-fold increase in pre-tax profits for the year to December 31, 1988, to £3.25 million with earnings per share up from 2.07p to 6.13p.

A final dividend of not less than 1.75p per ordinary share is forecast. Pre-tax profits of Maryle-

bone Estates for the year to December 31, 1989, have been pencilled in at £1.75 million, after £230,000 for the seven months to October 31, 1988, and £131,000 for the year to March 31, 1988.

Mr Phillips, of CE, and Mr John Harrison, of ME, are long-standing family friends and agree the deal is "perfect" for both parties.

The merger consolidates property assets into an enlarged group, providing greatmaximum of 980,000 or- er flexibility in the retention of dinary shares from his per- prime properties for longer term investment growth.

Shares of CE touched 70p each ordinary share of CE, the on the announcement before deal values ME at about closing 7p higher at 65p.

COMPANY NEWS

BR. BLDG. & ENG. (Int) Pro-tax: £0.42 (£0.20)m Turnover rose to £3.47(£2.76)m. The company continues to improve its sales and hire EPS: 22.3 (11.4)p Div: 2p. CAFFYNS (Int) Pre-taxCE1.50 (E1.15)m EPS: 42.1 (32.1)p Chairman is confident that

continuing Improvement in profitability. Net asset valua 376.8 (328.9)p Current order book is strong and prospects for new orders

company is polsed to sustain

in year ahead are good. Company announces acquisition of MSN Group (Management Support Network) for a maximum consideration of £1 million. Trading in the second half of

Work in hand for contracting divisions is now at record

the year continues to be

The company anticipates a smaller-than-expected rise in profits for the full year.

Expected final dividend of not less than 5.1p making total (excluding 0.68p special dividend) of 7.5p (6.5)p. Net asset value per capital share 55.77 (41.46)p.

£13 million. Hoskyns' share price was up 3p at 423p. Vol '000

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In 1788, only four months after the first European settlement on Australia's east coast, the colony's First Government House was built on a site which is now part of Sydney's Central Business District. To commemorate this event, and the Bicentenary of the settlement of the colony in 1788, the New South Wales Government is convening a major two stage design competition for the development of the

The competition will elicit designs of the highest quality which conserve and commemorate the historic remains and buildings and which provide for a significant and sympathetic commercial development of the remainder of the eny block. The budget for the total project will be in excess of

The competition, leading to a commission to design and document the project is endorsed by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and is open to architects registered in the Commonwealth of

All enquiries to: Mr Brian Eastoe Competition Registrar First Government House Site Competition Cl- NSW Public Works Tender Board Level 18, State Office Block Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000,

The competition is promoted jointly by the New South Wales State Government, the Council of the City of Sydney, the State Authorities Superannuation Board and Comrealty Young Street

The Assessors for the Competition are: Prof Peter McIntyre AO Chairman Linosay Kelly, Government Michael Smith

Fritz Stuber Prof Isabel McBryde Prof Peter Webber The first stage of the Design Competition closes on An information brochure is available from the

Alternatively, a Competition Kit containing the brief and supporting material will be issued upon receipt of a \$A100 Registration Fee. This advertisement is not part of the Design Brief.





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RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1988

Turnover up 47%

Turnover increased from £16.99 million to £24.96 million.

Pre-tax profits up 73% Record pre-12x profits for sixth consecutive year — up from £4.36 million to £7.54 million.

Dividends up 54% Final dividend 15% making 20% for the year.

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Copies of the illustrated report and accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1988 will be available after 24th January, 1989 from the Secretary, Baggeridge Buck PLC, Gospel End, Sedgiey, Dudley, West Midlands DY 3 4AA.

THE DAVID WATT **MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Following his tragic and untimely death in March 1987, The David Watt Memorial Prize was introduced in 1988 to commemorate his life and

Organised, funded and administered by RTZ, the Memorial Prize is a tribute to a man widely regarded as one of the UK's outstanding writers, thinkers and political commentators.

Those eligible for the annual prize of £2,000 are writers actively engaged in writing for newspapers and journals, in the English language, on international and political matters. Their writings, In the opinion of an adjudicating panel, will have made outstanding contributions towards the darification of international and political issues and the promotion of greater understanding of such

The closing date for entries and nominations is 20th March 1989. Full details and Entry Forms are available from Tha Administrator, The David Watt Memorial Prize, RTZ Limited, 6.St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LD.

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Scotch whisky boosted by Hillsdown bid' is EEC decision on 40% rule

terday agreed on a liquor-labelling regulation which will protect the Scotch whisky industry and prevent manufacturers of cheaper imitations from passing off their prodncts as the real thing.

After implementation of the new regulation, which still has to be approved by the European Parliament, no one will be able to sell anything called whisky unless it has a minimum of 40 per cent alcohol by

The move was welcomed by the Scotch Whisky Association as a big boost to the industry, but the Association

Peers warn

of 1992

threat

dustry will not enjoy the full benefits of the Single Euro-pean market in 1992 until the

exchange rate is stabilized, a

House of Lords report says today . It also favours Britain

joining the European Mone-

tary System.
The peers' EEC select com-

mittee, chaired by Lord Kearton, gives a cautious

welcome to a European finan-

cial area without exchange

controls between member

states and backs greater use of the Ecu, without wanting it to

Wace Group has acquired David J Clark, a Scottish

printer, for up to £3.6 million.

The initial consideration of £2 million will be satisfied by the

issue of 136,000 new shares and £1.66 million in cash.

Mr Michael Ruda, group marketing director for News

International newspapers and former advertising director of

control of North West Ex-

ploration, the Northern Irish

million North West shares.

owned, this gave Oliver 45.04

per cent. The bid has lapsed.

placing. Greig, Middleton are

placing 30 per cent of the shares at 117p each, valuing the company at £2.9 million.

Healthy boost

Shares in the USM-quoted Health Care Services, leapt

20p to 81p as the board said it

had received approaches from

several parties which may lead

Bowater Industries is selling

its Cross Paperware business

to Scott Paper. The division

has gross sales of about £90

to a bid for the company.

Bowater sale

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News board

owns The Times.

be a common currency.

Scottish buy

Mr John MacGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, said: "This is very good news for the Scotch whisky industry, which is one of Britain's major had been assured that proexport earners."

He said the breakthrough came after a midnight discussion with his Irish counterpart, Mr Michael O'Kennedy, which resulted in the unanimous agreement required for kies, often selling at about £2 the decision to mass into less than typical full-strength Community law.

Britain has been involved in six years of complex negotia-tions to define EEC-wide alcohol production standards

European Economic Commu- of Low Strength Scotch and minimum strengths, but by securing a long changeover nity agriculture ministers yes. Whisky Producers called it "a Ireland, which sells modest quantities of "whiskey" at less Association of Low Strength than 40 per cent alcohol by Scotch Whisky Producers. volume, proved to be the main stumbling block.

Mr MacGregor also said he posed changes in Japan's hquor tax — which heavily discriminates against Scotch whisky - will be introduced in

Lower strength Scotch whisbrands, may not disappear from supermarket shelves for

An attempt to protect them "for several Christmases yet"

period is to be made by the

The association is seeking meetings with ministers at the Ministry of Agriculture. Mr Malcolm Huriston, the chairman, said the EEC decision would "have the effect of making whisky uncompetitive against other spirits and reducing the choice available to the customer."

Scotch whiskies of under 40 per cent alcohol content have represented a growing sector in British retailing because the lower strength means a lower price, as less duty is paid.



Advertising campaign: Clive Leach and Derek Palmer, the chairman (right), yesterday

Redundancy plan pegs profit rise to 15.6% at Yorkshire

By Rosemary Unsworth

Times Newspapers, has been appointed to the board of News International, which **Bid falls short** profits rise by 30 per cent last year but for a large redun-The attempt by Oliver Re-sources of Dublin to win dancy and reorganization programme designed to shed 150 jobs by next June.

explorer, has failed. The offer The scheme, which the company instituted in Octowas accepted in respect of 4,2 ber, has so far seen 91 staff Together with shares already take voluntary redundancy or early retirement. The aim is that this year's costs of £3.68 million, against £350,000 last Listing sought time, will not be repeated next year. The wage bill also fell lands office fitting specialist, is seeking a quotation on the produced during the year. USM following an £878,000

Pre-tax profits were never-

30 1988. A final dividend of £3.18 million (£4 million) as 6.6p a share, making a total of the phasing of payments for 9.6p, a 20 per cent rise, has

Mr Clive Leach, Yorkshire's managing director, who is mounting a marketing campaign to draw advertisers back to the Yorkshire region, said: "Advertising income was up 8.2 per cent over the previous year. But the company's share of network advertising revenue fell from 9.19 per £900,000 although only slight- cent to 8.93 per cent indicating ly fewer programmes were a drift to southern com-

Sales to the ITV network. theless raised 15.6 per cent shown for the first time cast television will "remain from £13.5 million to £15.64 following accounting changes the dominant medium during million while net advertising between the network and the the next few years."

Yorkshire Television, the revenue rose 8 per cent from contractors from September 2 smallest of the Big Five ITV £119.6 million to £129.4 million. contractors, would have seen lion in the year to September Channel Four sales fell to some programmes differed.

Sales to the United States rose from £1.35 million to £1.8 million on the strength of The Attic, the story of Anne Frank, which won an Emmy award. Other sales, including the Mills and Boon stories, helped produce £2.85 million against £2.06 million.

Investment in the loss-making Super Channel cost York- the year from 6.6p to 7.3p. last year.

Mr Leach said that although satellite television will be more available in 1989 broad-

'Cheap' Peel offer, by London Shop

London Shop, the property developer, has urged its shareholders not to allow Peel Holdings to huy the company "on the cheap."

London Shop, fighting a value.

£283 million bid from Peel, Peel, the edge-of-town develaims it has a record of cloper which already speaks consistent growth. In a defor 29.9 per cent of London

Mr John Bushell, the chair- to 315p a share cash. man, says an up-to-date valuation is being prepared by the taker, the Peel chairman, said surveyors Healey & Baker, London Shop's eircular which is expected to throw up showed how small its deva big increase in net asset

fence circular to shareholders, Shop, last week raised its offer

Last night Mr John Whitshowed how small its development programme had been in comparison with its whole portfoho. London Shop shares

unchanged at 318p.

BCMB has the Edge

Cocking a snook at the retrenchment going on elsewhere in the City, British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank is pushing ahead with its expansion plans and has, I hear, poached a four-strong private client portfolio management team from Lazards. The team, comprising directors Christopher Edge, aged 35, and Philip Darwall-Smith, 36 - known, they admit, as the terrible twins - and two research assistants, Josephine Orchard and Catherine Lee, have just started work at BCMB's West End nffice. They will be looking to recruit a number of nther portfolio managers. "We are looking for bright people aged about 30," the twins tell me in unison. At the same time, BCMB will today announce that it has signed a deal with Security Pacific tn buy - for an undisclosed sum - the private client stockbroking husinesses of Hoare Govett in London and the Channel Islands and Campbell Neill, the Glasgow

Market lament

A poem written by Parrish stockbroker Erie Baker, one nf the more eccentric characters who used to work on the floor nf the Exchange, was being read approvingly in the Square Mile yesterday. Part of it reads:

I know I am getting older And things can't stay the same, But what has happened to the



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A loss to Standard

The City's fears were con- Trade. "He had worked in firmed yesterday when one of various hot spots around the was responsible for its commercial banking opera-tions in Europe, tropical Af-rica and southern Asia. He had been with the bank for 33 years and in April this year was appointed chairman of the Tropical Africa Advisory Group by the Minister of

its own workers was identified world including Iran, Aden as a victim of the Clapham and Zimbabwe, only to meet train disaster. Alan Wren, his death in this way," said a aged 55, an executive director shocked colleague. Wren, who of Standard Chartered Bank, lived in a flat in London during the week, was returning from his country home in Dorset, where he had spent the weekend with his wife, and had boarded the train at Boarnemouth. Our sincerest condolences go to his wife Heather and three sous, Malcolm, Timothy and Simon.

Is a downright bloody shame. The foreign hordes descended They came like Attila the Hun At the personal invitation



"It's a mere \$10.35 billion."

Of Sir Nicholas Goodison. Open the doors, he blithely There is business here a plenty,

To the thousands who are out of work That promise has proved empty. It is easy two years later

To say I told you so. But they didn't want to listen They didn't want to know. So many good men out of work

If this is progress, then, my It is very hard to swallow. A once great institution, Destroyed by a deadly coup. Never before in the City

Has so much damage been done by so few.

A study in scarlet faces

Sherlock Holmes is alive and

well - according to the British Steel Share Information Office m Bristol, at least. For the stream of complaints about the curious confusion of names and addresses used by that office have culminated in a share application form which was sent, in all seriousness, to one Dr Sherlock Holmes at his immortal ad-dress, 221B Baker Street, London, NW1. But surprising though it might sound, the British Steel share office is not alone in its mistake. That address, now part of the Abbey National Building Society's London head office occupies numbers 215-229 Baker Street - receives more than a dozen letters a day for the legendary detective. "We employ a full-time secretary to answer them," an amused Abbey National spokesman tells me. "Some of them are from nutters, wanting him to help them solve mysteries or find lost jewellery, and just now we're getting a lot of Christmas cards. We reply to them all - usually telling people that he has retired to Sussex and keeps bees. It seems to keep them happy." Far from happy, however, is barrister Conrad Dehn who received his share application And thousands more will form yesterday, a week after dealings began. "It's absolutely deplorable that it should have taken three weeks to reach me," he says. But, given the performance of the British Steel share price, perhaps they did him a favour.

Carol Leonard

'bid' is referred

Any prospective bid for Pittard Garnar by Hillsdown Holdings, the food group with leather interests, has been temporarily blocked by a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Pittard is already the subject of a referred £41 million bid by Strong & Fisher, another quoted leather company.

The decision by Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to look at a "contemplated" bid has puzzled Hillsdown.

Last week it took the unusual step of asking for a ruling on whether an offer for Pittard or an increase in its stake from the current 16.6 per cent level would be grounds for a reference. It said its inquiry did not indicate that it would make a bid.

Lord Young has also stopped Hillsdnwn from buying any more shares in Pittard. He used the same order to make the prohibition that was implemented after Elders IXL went on its share-buying spree in Scottish & Newcastle Brew-eries the day its £1.6 billion bid was referred to the MMC.

The power was also used to stop Strong & Fisher buying any more Pittard shares when its bid was referred.
The MMC has been asked

to make its report in three months. Lord Young considers that there are possible effects on competition in sheepskin fellmnngering, particularly in Scotland, which

deserve investigation.
Strong & Fisher shares fell
1p to 220p and Pittard slipped
1p to 194p.

Armstrong acceptances

Wardle Storeys, the plastic sheeting manufacturer bidding £80 million for Armding 280 million for Armstrong Equipment, has received acceptances for about 3.6 per cent of the shares and the offer will now close on December 28.

Armstrong's board has noted the low level of acceptances

and has urged shareholders to take no action and continue to support the company's new management under the chairmanship of Mr Ray Watts, of Thames Water.

Avimo losses hit United

More than £3 million of losses at the troubled Avimo (Taunton) nperation have left United Scientific's pre-tax profits lower at £10.1 million for the year to end-September, against £11.1 milling.

Earnings per share fell from 14.4p to 9.4p, but the board is recommending a higher final dividend, raising the total for

COMMENT

'Stop me and sell one' - Lawson's latest offer

Then the public sector borrowing requirement turned into a public sector debt repayment, it was perhaps inevitable that a way would be England has confirmed that it counts as found to formalize the buying-in of gilts. The Chancellor's announcement of a clumsily-titled "reverse auction" for gilts, to be held on January 13, which happens to be a Friday, is the chosen method. What will be next step - turning National Savings into National Spendings?

The reverse auction, in which the Bank will buy in £500 million in total of two short-dated gilts, will bring the buying-in process out of the closet and into the open. Nobody else seems to have tried anything like this, but then present conditions are unusual. No longer will buying-in be discussed and agreed in hushed-tone conversations between market-makers and the Bank. Now everyone with at least £1,000 of the relevant gilts will be able to offer them at the reverse auction, even Aunt Agatha.

particularly exciting. The Bank has been conducting much of its buying-in, in the present circumstances of large public sector surpluses, at the long end of the gilt market. The auction is almost in the nature of what can be thought of as more normal buying-in - when the Bank takes on stock ahead of redemption, partly to ensure an orderly market.

The announcement of the reverse auction is a reminder of just how fast the public finances have turned around over the past two years. Then, normal auctions were announced, as an experiment, but with the aim of providing the Bank with a new weapon in its armoury for the time when large public sector borrowing requirements returned. Now we have a reverse auction, and the inevitable conclusion that, in formalizing the huying-in process, the authorities think that public sector debt repayments are here to stay.

That may be premature. Although there are plenty of learned treatises pointing to the continuation of the present position, and to a sharp contraction of the gilt market over time, this has not yet been tested in the conditions of an economic slowdown. Notwithstanding yesterday's strong figures for manufacturing output, maybe we are on the brink of that slowdown now.

Royal's novel solution

he Royal Bank of Scotland, helped by its merchant bank Charterhouse and by Swiss Bank Corporation Investment banking, has found a novel way of increasing its capital resources to help meet the new supervisory requirements agreed by the Group of Ten central

The Royal is raising \$400 million from the issue of perpetual floating rate notes. Because the loan is perpetual, the Bank of upper case, tier 2 capital under the international convergence of capital standards agreement.

This stipulates that banks must maintain capital resources of at least 8 per cent, of which at least half must be tier I capital and at least half of tier 2 "upper case" (i.e. perpetual rather than term).

The perpetual loan has been made attractive to investors by creating a put option under which, after 15 years, holders have the option annually of selling the notes to a new vehicle created separately from The Royal. The details of this vehicle and other arrangements remain confidential.

Mr Kenneth Thompson, The Royal's finance director, said: "We are delighted with this issue. It will provide qualifying capital at very attractive economic cost. The stocks that the Bank will buy in at the auction, which will consist of just under an eighth of the total amount of Exchequer 11 per cent 1989 and Exchequer 10 per cent 1989 in issue, are not ch and our recently annnounced European alliance with Banco Santander.

Following The Royal's acquisitions this year the stock market had been anticipating a rights issue. But Mr Sandy Muirhead, Charterhouse Corporate Finance director, said vesterday: "This categorically and emphatically dispels any chance whatsoever of a rights issue." The Royal's shares rose 2p to 240p.

Building a portfolio

here is nothing like 13 per cent base rates to focus the minds of housebuyers, especially those of first-time buyers and in the overmortgaged South-east, and the heat has gone out of the housing market. At this time of year little would be moving in any case, and it will be into the New Year before the housebuilders and their City followers can get much of a handle on the market.

In a timely note on the housebuilding sector, Fred Wellings, analyst at Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, who has seen more booms than most and even a few busts in the 1970s, reckons the iostitutions will be missing a trick if they do not use the present "short-term correction" to buy housebuilding shares. He calculates the average price/earnings ratio is 6.6 for the year ending in two weeks' time, and 6 for the year to next June. Eight companies stand on secondyear forecasts of under 5.

The company he rates as the most interesting is Countryside, which has all its eggs in the London commuter belt although it also has a sensible commercial programme. It is hard to disagree.

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By Vivien Goldsmith Family Money Editor

Independent financial advisers fear the end of a strong independent sector under proposals by the Securities and Investments Board.

They will be compelled to disclose their percentage commission on products they sell. while agents tied to one company are exempt.

Fidelity Investment Services attacked the discussion document, issued yesterday. It said it was making a strong representation direct to the SIB expressing its "extreme concern that these rules could virtually destroy the independent intermediary market."

The proposals mark out independent financial advisers who owe a duty to their clients from salesmen tied to one company who remain the agent of the life office.

The independent will have

to tell clients from the outset that they will be paid a commission. Within 14 days of a proposed contract, the life or unit trust company will have to set out in writing the percentage of the premium to

be paid in commission. Companies will also have to set ont the effect of charges, and it is proposed that they are also shown as a percentage of premiums. But for with-profits policies SIB proposes a booklet should be available on request showing the life office's financial strength, investment and bonus policies, expenses and factors such as whether it is a mutual

STOCK MARKET

Enterprise rises on bid hopes

in the oil sector last night amid not be put out of its misery talk that Enterprise the in talk that Enterprise, the independent North Sea oil group, is soon to be the subject of a 750p-a-share bid from Atlantic Richfield, the Canadian group which is already a big North Sea player.

Enterprise responded with a leap of 27p to 515.5p on turnover of t.6 million shares as dealers heard that a bid was on the way. The prospect of the integrated European market after 1992 apparently has made Arco look to acquire more North Sea acreage and Enterprise fits the bill perfectly, according to one dealer.

The talk coincided with another report that London & Scottish Marine Oil is close to completing the long-awaited auction of its 25.2 per cent stake in Enterprise. Dealers believed that the two were connected and that Lasmo had agreed a sale with Arco. The prospect of Lasmo reaping 750p a share for its shareholding helped the

462.5p in sympathy. If Arco does emerge as the buyer of Lasmo's stake in Enterprise it will confound many brokers who had put their mnney on the shares crossing the Channel to end in the hands of Elf Aquitaine, the

French nit group. However, the Lasmo holding has been on the market for more than two months, and at least three bids for the entire parcel of shares had been submitted by last month. Dealers, therefore, feel that a result must be imminent aluntit the Government's "golden share" in Enterprise expires at the end of this year.

Interest in the sector was atso enlivened by late confirmation from BP that it is in negotiations with RTZ. the mining and industrial group, regarding the possible sale of its minerals business. BP closed 6p higher at 259p and RTZ 4p higher at 392.5p

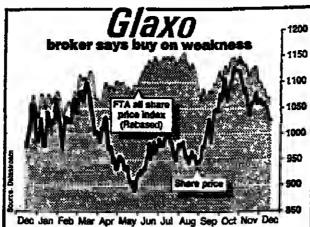
The rest of the market drew comfort from the slightly bet-ter-than-expected October US trade figures which showed a deficit of \$10.35 billion (£5.68 billion), just below September's shortfall of £10.67

This helped dealers recover from the early shock administered by Coats Viyella, the textile group. It gave a warning that pre-tax profits for this

Cowan de Groot jumped 7p to 58.5p on news that Mr acquired a 14.5 per cent stake shares of Lasmo climb t5p to at 60p a share. Cowan disappointed speculators by disappointed specime terminating takeover discussions with Bridgend Group, but dealers now believe Mr Samuelson's entrance is better news.

> year could plummet by as much as 40 per cent because of the current strength of the pound and higher interest rates. This depressed the textile sector. Shares of Coats Viyella dropped 9.5p to 133p and also unsettled sentiment

The FT-SE 100 share index though one sceptic observer fell nearly tt points at one months of the current year



stage, before rallying with the help of a steadier opening on £892 million. Wall Street and activity in oils to finish 3.5 points up at t,756.1. The narrower FT 30

off at 1,424.2. Gilts closed nearly £t down at the longer end as interest rate uncertainties resurfaced.

Shares of Relts-Reyce closed unaltered at t26.5p, after t25p. Dealers had to contend with talk that the European Commission is to order the British Government to lift the 15 per cent ceiling nn foreign shareholdings in the company.

Glaxo, Britain's biggest pharmaceuticals company, found an ally in the shape of Ms Susan Haylock, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker. She believes that the market got hold of the wrong end of the stick nn Monday after selling the shares in reaction to the company's admission at the annual meeting that sales in the first five

increased by 16 per cent to

Thinking that this represented a sinwdown in growth, following the 20 per cent increase in sales achieved in share index closed 1.5 points the first half of last year. dealers turned bearish, but Ms

> Kwik Save, the food retailer, was unchanged at 352.5p in a depressed sector. WI Carr sees the shares as a buy and says it is a defensive stock in an environment of high interest rates and less buoyant consum ding, with sales volne in areas less dependent on discretionary spending.

Haylock points out that once currencies and disposals are stripped out from the fivemonth figure, underlying sales growth in the current year has been maintained at 20 per

She has downgraded her pre-tax profits forecast for

few months, but still reckons that Glaxo's core business remains strong and any weakness in the share price provides an opportunity to acquire the shares. Glaxo closed unchanged at £t0.25p.

Beechant, the Marmite-todrugs group headed by Mr Bob Banman, moved up 5p to 466p as more than 1.5 million shares changed hands.

Sentiment was helped by news that Genentech, the rival US-based pharmaceutical group, had forecast a decline in revenue and a loss for the fourth quarter because of slugeish sales of Activase, its heart

Activase is a big competitor to Beecham's own heart drug, Eminase, which is sold only in Europe and any deterioration in Activase's progress is good news for Beecham.

Following hectic traded op-tions activity, GEC, the cashrich etectrical group, continued to attract buyers and closed 5p higher at 189p, amid widespread speculation that Lord Weinstock, the GEC chairman, is about to have the tables turned on him. More than 7 million shares changed

More than 24 million British Steel shares changed hands, closing up 0.25p at 60p, the partly-paid price. Private investors only received their allotment letters on Monday and so far have been deterred from selling by the reluctance of the shares to move above the partly-paid debut level.

Geoffrey Foster

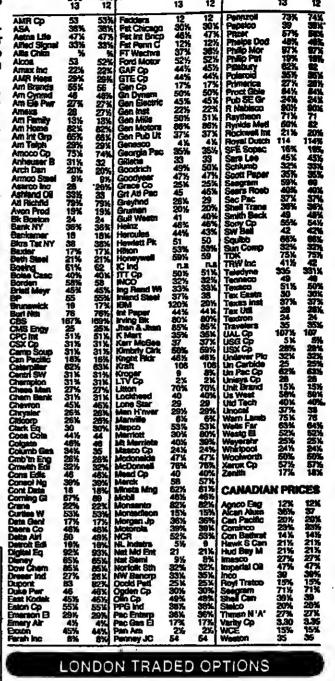
WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares were lower but steady following news of strong capacity use and industrial output, Mr Newton Zinder, analyst at Shearson

Lehman Hutton, said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.75 to 2,136.74 in early trading

Declining issues held a moderate lead over advancin

The US October merchandise trade gap narrowed to a seasonally adjusted \$10.35 billion (£5.68 billion) from \$10.67 billion in September.



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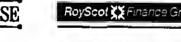
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BROADENING OUR GEOGRAPHIC HORIZONS

The acquisition of Citizens Financial Group in the USA and our alliance with Banco Santander Group of Spain will broaden our geographic horizons dramatically and strengthen our position as an international financial services group. The Group's interests today extend well beyond those of a traditional clearing bank to embrace merchant banking, venture and development capital, stockbroking, instalment credit, leasing, factoring, credit card operations, travel services, insurance and investment management. The Group's representation extends to the financial markets of the world but we remain firmly thirled to our roots with our head office in Edinburgh.

WE CAN BEST ACHIEVE REWARDS AS A GROUP

Our subsidiary divisions operate with a substantial degree of autonomy with the Group board harnessing their talents and channelling them towards overall strategic objectives.

Each division is successful, but it is collectively that optimum development can be achieved and it is as a Group that we can best achieve rewards for our shareholders.

PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH

Record profits before taxation of £309.2 million were achieved, an increase of 57% on last year. Earnings per share are at an all-time high of 67.1p and 120% greater than four years ago.

We are extending our global representation and are seen as an increasingly international organisation. Citizens Financial Group will open our links with US markets, while Banco Santander Group will give us entry to Spain, Germany and Belgium, and soon Gibraltar. The two Groups are also looking further into Europe and into the Far East, where the Royal Bank is already established.

DIVIDENDS

The directors recommend a final dividend on the ordinary shares of 9.7p. giving a total for the year of 15.0p per share (1987 – 12.7p). This represents an increase of 18% over the previous year and reflects our board's policy that our shareholders should continue to benefit from the Group's achievements.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

The world economy has grown well in what could have been a

difficult year and Britain has been in the forefront, with domestic demand reaching a peak of 7% this summer. This has brought a rise in inflation, a deterioration in our balance of payments, and progressive interest rate increases. We hope demand trends can be slowed down to permit a more modest but sustainable growth.

Looking ahead, the advent of the single European market in 1992 and a reduction in oil earnings point to a need for further improvement in UK productivity to match our neighbours.

PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY

In its first year, the Group Community Fund subscribed £180,000 to deserving causes in job creation, the national heritage and the environment. including conservation groups. We believe it is incumbent on us to participate fully in the community and will continue to identify and assist deserving projects.

THE FUTURE

Our goal is prudent growth, development and success to ensure the Group's continuing independence, with automation and technology assuming Increasing importance.

We will follow our traditional approach of prudent and careful appraisal of any new development or opportunity, while still maintaining flexibillity. The wide variety of our markets presents both challenges and opportunities. We remain confident in the Group's strengths, its adaptability to meet these challenges and its ability to succeed in the years ahead.

KEY FIGURES	Year ended 30 Sept, 1988	Year ended 30 Sept, 1987	% Change
Profit before taxation	£309,2m	£197.2m	57
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Dividends per 25p ordinary share	15.0p	12.7p	18

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group pic will be held on Thursday, 12th January 1989 at 12 noon at the Caledonian Hotel. Princes Street, Edinburgh.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

A building society chief makes a call for expertise and knowledge to be respected as the qualities of an executive

he range of financial products and services available from your local building society has changed out of all recognition during the past few years. But the organization itself is probably much the same as it has been for decades, and therein lies a problem. By accident or design, the management structures of many societies reflect their past corporate objectives and desired management style. They tend to be hierarchical, even monolithic, with a long chain from top to bottom, and with the emphasis on financial control and audit.

Power and authority come from positioo in the hierarchy, rather than from knowledge and expertise, and management systems tend to serve internal rather than customer needs.

The result is an organization that relies heavily on precedent and encourages conservatism and io which managers are encouraged to look up and think about how the boss would deal with particular issues, rather than dealing with them; themselves. Decision-making is slow, because decisions tend

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Jeremy del Strother: message to float upwards. Administration and control become higher-status. activities than customer liaisoo and service.

Do these characteristics reflect societies' new business objectives in the deregulated financial service market? Not at all. What societies oeed now is to be innovative, flexible, agile and

Finance with a fresh face

the power culture of the past simply will not work in the society of the future.

To a certain extent, this is already happening. My own society. Nationwide Anglia, is already well down the road, with managers taking an increasing respon-sibility for the profitability and development of their own sections and being encouraged to follow up their own initiatives.

The introduction of market-led product development is also making a real difference. But it is not until the message reaches the troops that changes really start to happen. It is a long process, and it starts with getting the right

recruits. Societies have traditionally relied oo school- and college-leavers for the bulk of their manpower. But the number of leavers is expected to fall dramatically dur-ing the next few years, and we

Part-time and mature workers mainly women who have interrupted a career to raise a family could form a large part of this new workforce.

But the largest untapped source is simply men. Careers advisers in schools and colleges do not seem to see men as a natural fit for front-line branch staff vacancies and there is a preconception. inside and outside the building society industry, that these jobs are oot appropriate for men something that we need to try to break down.

When you have the staff, you need to keep them. To recruit and keep the best people purely through salary is likely to prove very expensive indeed. True, the best have to be rewarded, and the rewards have to be high. But well thought-out training and personal development, giving the individual the opportunity to advance in a rewarding direction within the same organization, are an equally important part of any employment package.

This is even more important now that building societies are developing into more complex and sophisticated organizations. Inevitably they are turning the rather narrow building society manager of the past ioto a highly marketable commodity, very attractive to competitors inside and outside the building society field.

lthough it is tradition-ally difficult for training managers to offer a precise, easily quantifiable pay-back for their efforts, some organizations have already realized that training and personal development are vital factors in keeping good staff. The enlightened ones are targeting 10 days off-the-job development per

employee per year — that is certainly what happens at Nationwide Anglia. As to the rest, there is a strong feeling in human resources development circles that if training managers are short of funds, then they have not ade-quately demonstrated the costbenefit equation, and they have only themselves to blame.

Many societies do already provide facilities and a structure for personal development, including financial support. A crucial factor that is often missing, however, is management commitment to the process. It is crucial because a key element for success is motivation. Individual aspirations are not enough. They have to be supported and encouraged at all levels by managers who take the development of their subordinates

The aim has to be to reduce hierarchies and make links across dual reporting lines. Managers need to be educated to accept unclear relationships, frequent change and uncertainty. They need to accept, even welcome, the reduced status of the power barons as knowledge and expertise rather than tradition and length of service become the source of authority.

It is tempting to say that the ultimate winner in all this will be the customer. And to a very large extent that is true. But it is the organization that takes these lessons on board and really makes them work that will altract and keep the business. If building societies are serious about their aspirations to lead the personal finance field, then that is a lesson they will have to learn, the sooner the better.

Jeremy del Strother is deputy general manager of the Nation-wide Anglia Building Society

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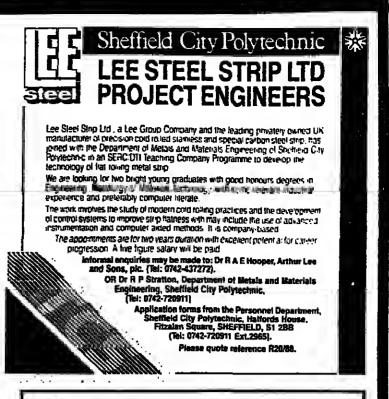
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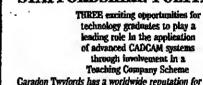


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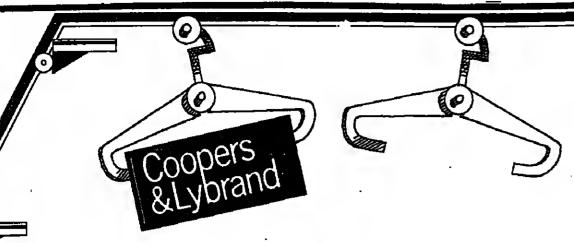
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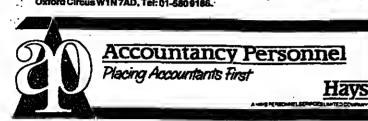
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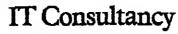
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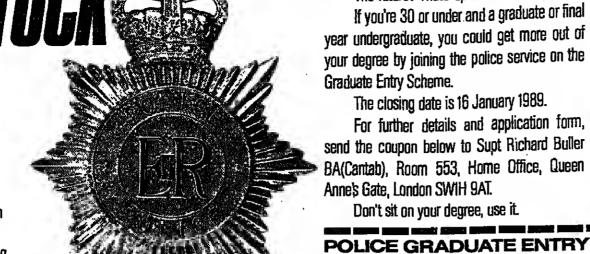
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HORIZONS

Queue here for your IT trainees for 1992

he explosion in information technology is producing its inevitable result - expanding companies looking in all directions for people with the essential operating skills.

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It is an opinion backed up fully by all the available statistics.

According to the National Computing Council: "The current perceived shortage of staff with IT skills in the UK 'user' community is of the order of 19,000." Less conservative estimates put the figure in the region of 30,000. According to some sources, GEC alone could swallow the entire university output.

Shortages are already causing problems, and these will be further exacerbated by increased demands caused by the single European market, and by the on-coming demographic trough, whereby the number of school-leavers between now and the mid-1990s will have fallen by 25 per cent, a phenomenon contributing to shortages in all sectors of industry. The graduate considering a career in IT will undoubtedly be in a seller's mar-ket for a long time to come.

Certain types of IT fessionals are more in demand than others. A recent survey shows that now the greatest demand is for development staff, including

systems analysts and programmers.

Whereas the demand for software staff has continued to grow significantly; that for experienced electronics engineers showed little growth. The Institute of Manpower Studies sees future growth in the need for software skills, and to a lesser extent, for networking

Shortages are causing employers to look outside the traditional

market can apply for postgraduate "conversion" courses in computer sciences, run by universities and polytechnics; usually taken up to MSc level, and lasting a year.

The demand, and the nature of the work, has led to some interesting advantages from the point of view of the graduate. Firstly, it enables the IT professional to be highly mobile. Quite a number of employees leaving IT jobs do so because their spouses are being

relocated, or simply out of a desire to travel while still earning a resonable wage. The well-trained

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lization can get a job relatively easily almost anywhere in the

world. Even work permit restric-tions present less of a problem.

Clare Hogg points out that the growth

in information technology will create a buyer's market for graduates

sources for staff and a shift in job emphasis towards "user support" is resulting in more arts graduates, especially those with business or communications skills, being taken on than ever before.

The class of degree is now often more important to a potential employer than the discipline. Some companies are still looking for "early adopters" — highly technical people who are fascinated by any new development but this is becoming less common. Those arts students who

computers before entering the jobs

Pay is generous, and pressure is continually keeping it buoyant, especially among "users". Many larger companies (mostly in the IT services category) trying to attract ambitious graduates, and already paying competitive salaries, are vying also with each other to provide the best training wish to become more skilled with

programmes. After increasing sal-aries, investment in training is the single most common response to the shortages. In addition, many employers are introducing more effective structures for developing career paths.

Frequently, small and mediumsized companies do not provide training for fear of poaching. The frony is that if training is notprovided, employees are more likely to leave, particularly those who are seriously concerned with their careers, rather than purely motivated by money.

Many companies, do, however, offer training. A survey carried out by the Computing Services Industry Training Council earlier this year reported 13 companies which spent more than 5 per cent of their total salary bill on

The important point is that the quality varies enormously. Since the industry is constantly changing, a flexible approach rather than rigid structure is essential The opportunities for specialization are enormous, and training which allows familiarity with a wide variety of skills is also an

advantage.
In March this year Cosit launched the Industry Standard Development Programme, piloted initially by BIS, the SEMA Group

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pic (formerly CAP), Hoskyns and Systems Designers. Seven other companies have applied to join

next year.

According to Barney Gibbens, chairman of SEMA, the IT Industry Leading Body and Cosit, it represents the current best prac-tices of recruitment, training and development of staff in the computing services sector.

The programme has gone well, t provides a discipline for working, and a good balance of structured experience and classroom theory. Some "user" employers have applied to join the programme, and, although so far turned down, the methodology is available to them if they want it.
The aim is that the ISDP certificate should become recognized throughout the industry as "the necessary badge of a properly-trained and experienced practitioner". Above all, although it ties them for up to six years (finer is more typical), employees like the ISDP. Most graduates who accept jobs at SEMA have another

nine job offers as options. Jubs in small companies are often difficult to find, since they are rarely advertised. Sometimes small employers will approach universities and colleges with offers of project work for the

Choices not for the timid

What skills are employers in IT seeking? Steve Crowther is responsible for graduate recruitment at Logica. "We are looking for technical abilities and personal qualities. Personal qualities are very important since we are a recruitment of comments of the particularly client-oriented com-pany and do a lot of consultancy work. People who have been on conversion' courses are clearly motivated and often bring some

business experience with them.
"We need good communicators,
both verbal and written; people who are self-motivated, since we don't have a lot of managers overseeing work; and, since there are no hierarchical layers of management in this company, we need people who are not statusorientated, who can work happily

in a team. The IT industry is a young industry, and employers are often very open-minded about who they recruit. Nevertheless, technical changes are happening all the time and adding new and demanding challenges.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Why Hall is a case Australian Totes show the way of that will do nicely in the North

While UTC Cannons and Mayflower Lambs were ensuring that their London derby next week would take them into the second half of the season as runaway leaders of the American Express Premier League, a lower level local affair in Manchester on Tuesday showed why national league squash was likely 10 survive and flourish after five years of umbrella sponsorship by the credit card

company ends in May.

Manchester Northern and Village Hotels are sponsored by Jim Hail, Manchester's most prominent sports retailer. On Tuesday he had 10 players on court with his name nn their shirts before a packed house at the Northern Lawn Tennis and Squash Club. In every rubber, naturally, Hali was the winner. It was almost incidental to Hall that Northern defeated Village 4-1, that Geoff Williams approached his incisive and exciting best, beating Ahmed Taher 9-4, 9-1, 9-5 in 38 minutes and that Ashley Naylnr's mind was more on his new computer

Cnlin Kcith. Aiready strongly connected to local football through his supply of the Manchester United cluh strip and involvement with the Bohhy Chariton Sports School, Hall has made his businesses central to Manchester squash. entral to Manchester squash.

Nurthern's win placed them a

programing business than on his 7-9, 4-9, 3-9 drubbing from

distant fifth in the league and only the abysmal performance of Serviscope Thornbridge, involved in their seventh successive loss against Castlemaine Weston this week. keeps Village off the bottom. But Williams, Naylor. Taher, Mark Maclean and Keith are leading characters on the vibranı nnrthern scene and all work happily towards Hall's further success

The sponsor himself has a natural sympathy for Northern, where he plays and trains. A new franchise agreement for the retail sports shops of all three Village sporting hotels in the Manchester area explains his commercial interest Cannons and Lambs are serv-

ing their city financial backers similarly in London.

Such is the strength of these London squads that Paul Carter, the new British champion, was still required to play at fourth string for Cannons. In familiar fashinn he took 100 minutes to defeat Paul Gregory 9-7, 9-2, 9-10, 9-6 after holding three match balls in the third game.

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RACKETS

Cheltenham make reappearance

By William Stephens

This year's Public Schools Singles championships, which begin today at Queen's Club, are organ today at Queen's Crao, are mutable for the participation of boys from two additional schools — Cheltenham and Westminster, Cheltenham's last entry was in the doubles of 1939 and Westminster's in 1926; their courts were then closed. One of Cheltenham's courts was re-npened this year, and Westninster boys are now playing at Queen's Club.

The motivation to take up rackets again has come in both cases from the present headmasters, Richard Morgan at Cheltenham and David Summerscale at Westminster. Both were pupils at Sherborne, which is not a Rackets-playing school. However, they entered the Noel Bruce Cup three times together, and in 1965 they beat Charterhouse 3-0 in the first round and then took two games from Etnn II, represented by Garth Milne, who was twice Public Schools Singles champion, and Tim Pugh.

Cheltenham's leading players re Jonathan Rooney, the captain of rackets. Tom Carless and John Boddington, Boddington, the son of the former England squash rackels captain, R. M. H. Boddingun, is a particularly exciting player whn relishes double-handed aggression. In Cheltenham's first school match they defeated Clifton - n noteworthy initiation. Their players are compet-ing in the senior singles for the Renny Cup today, Westminster have entered Sam Ahsani in the Jim Dear Cup for the under-15s.

The present rackets-playing schools are Charterhouse, Cheltenham, Clifton, Eton, Haileybury, Harrow, Malvern, Mariborough, Radley, Rugby, Tnnbridge, Wellington, West, minster and Winchester. Only Poscall where the courts have Rossall, where the courts have been converted for other uses, are missing from those who have entered the Public Schools championships; they competed in the doubles of 1904.

The No. 1 seed in the H. K Foster Cup is Richard Montgomerie, of Rugby, second is Thorold Barker, of Mart-borough A Marlvurian, Michacl Butler, is top seed in the Renny Cup, with a Carthusian, James Acheson-Gray, second. Matthew Windows, of Clifton, holds the pre-eminent position npposite Alexander Smith-Bing

ham, of Eton, the No. 2 seed. The championships will be run on two courts at Queen's, being played nn the reinstated Bridgeman court.

CYCLING

Elusive champions

champions. Neil Hoban and Lisa Brambani, may nut be available for most domestic events next year hut are listed today amnng 84 riders selected far the seniar and junior natinnal squads (Peter Bryan

Brambani is haping to juin a club based at Colorado Springs but is awaiting confirmation from America and Hoban is negotiating for a place with a top French amateur club.

The pair, who competed in

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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their titles in the summer and, in Huban's case, endeavour in be released for a hig event like the Paul MeHugh, three times

national sprint champion, is listed among the squad but there is a question mark about his future: he has said that he wants in turn professional and race

The main objectives given to squad riders are the junior and seninr world champinnships in the Soviet Union and France and the Commonwealth Games the Scoul Olympics, would be in New Zealand next month.

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BOOKMAKERS

In its argument for a greater return from the bookmakers, British

racing cites the generally happy relationship

between a thriving sport and betting in Australia.

In this second part of The Times' analysis,

Christopher R. Hill

explains the workings of the Totalisator Agency **Boards**

much-paraded quote in the debate on the funding of British racing comes from Bart Cummings, a leading Australian trainer. "We started off our racing 300 years behind you," he told British racing journalists. "Now we're about 300 years in front."

Cummings was singing the praises of the Australian Totalisator Agency Boards (TABs), the state-by-state Totes which control all off-course betting and contribute greatly to a racing industry that is healther than ever.

Compared with Australia, the financing of racing in Britain is

In the year to March 31, 1988, British bookmakers' turnover was £3.126 billion. From this, about £28 million (and a further £770,000 from the Tote) was returned by the bookmakers through the Horserace Betting Levy Board for the benefit of racing (That refers only to the 80 per cent of turnover customarily assumed to be derived from horse racing, and therefore liable to the levy, most of the remainder comes from greyhound betting, which does oot pay any levy).

The Australian scene is very different. Racing flourishes throughout the country, with the exception of Western Australia, It is a reasonable estimate that in 1987 the Australian state Totes returned £68 million to racing - more than twice British racing's yield from betting and from a lower turnover. prohably in the regioo of £2.8 billion.

Lord Newall, chairman of the British Greyhound Racing Board, is convinced that the Australian way of funding racing and other sports is. correct.

In a discussion paper issued last he pressed for a Betting Board "to finance (from a proportion of the proceeds of the Levy) the establishment in Britain of a highlycomputerized cash and credit operation on the lines of the proven Australian TAB system".

He said: "This operation would link by computer with the on-course markets all off-course totalisator betting money (less general betting duty and proposed levy) through to the racecourse totalisators.

"It would be a full-scale cash and credit alternative to High Street bookmaker betting, working in direct competition.

"The bookmakers would bet on singles, donbies, trebles, accu-mulators, etcetera, based on starting

THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE

There is no legal bookmaking in France. The Parl Mutuel, the equivalent of the British Tote, organizes all betting on and off course. Off-course betting is done partly in betting shops (points course) but mainly in caries. The most profitable bets are the tierce and querte, in which the first three or four horses want he chosen in the correct order. must be chosen in the correct orde

must be chosen in the correct order. Separate authorities control Flat racing, steeplechasing and trotting. In 1987, on-course betting was £3.75 million and off-course betting was £2.751 billion, a total of £3.125 billion — close to the British total. But the distribution of the money was very different. In France, 71 per

cent of all betting was returned ascent of all betting was returned as-winnings, compared with 78.5 per cent in British. In France, 6 per cent went on expenses; in Britain, 7.8 per cent went on operating costs. In France, £555 million (18 per cent) was left for the state and £186 million (6 per cent) was returned to racing; in Britain, the figures were 9.5 per cent and 1.1 per cent

Prize-money in France averaged £10,000 per Plat race and nearly £9,000 and £8,000 respectively for jumping and trotting. This comperes with £7,000 on the Flat and £3,400 for steeplechasing and hurdling in



de Triomphe (Fr) 483,000 Breeders' Cup Turi (US)

The Epsom Derby is Britain's richest race, but with £296,000 for the winner it lags far behind the Breeders' Cup Classic in the United States (£750,000), the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in France (£500,000), and the Melbourne Cup (£430,000). British racing argues that a greater return from betting turnover would enable it to increase prize-money and to attract better horses

forecast betting plus ante-post. They would not use mathematical formulae for forecast betting which do not show predetermined odds

"A network of off-course totalisator betting outlets would need to be established, possibly by utilizing town centre post offices and existing Tote bookmakers' shops, which would be divested of the bookmaking side of their operation."

Luca Cumani, the trainer, has voiced similar thoughts: the Jockey Club should buy the Tote - the subject of a privatization feasibility study - and run it for the direct profit of racing in opposition to the Big Four bookmakers, Ladbrokes, Corals, William Hill and Mecca.

he ideas for a better way of funding British racing are sport seeks to persuade the Home Secretary to decide that the bookmakers should pay to the Horserace Betting Levy Board more than the present 0.88 per cent of turnover. Everything, says the racing lohby, could be improved with more funding prizemoney, stable lads' housing, racecourse facilities.

What makes the Australian experience so attractive? How do racing and betting inter-relate?

Racing is organized state by state, each with its own Minister, legislation and taxation system. Some Australia-wide statistics do exist, and they are presented to the annual international conference of racing

price returns and fixed odds-type authorities, held in Paris at the time of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. They must be treated with some caution, but for 1987 the Tote turnover was listed as:

> The state governments received £155 millioo (8 per cent) and £68 million (3.5 per cent) was returned to racing. Other figures indicate that in three states alone -New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria - £50 million was

> returned to horse racing in a year. Bookmakers' on-course turnover (bookmaking is illegal off-course) was £843 million in 1987. No figure was given for the tax paid, which varies from state to state: in Western Australia, for example, bookmakers pay 2 per cent oo the first \$Aus100,000 (about £46,000) of turnover, and 21/2 per cent thereafter.

In the year to July 31, 1988, according to the Western Australia TAB, bookmakers turned over £71.627 million on racing, and £12.558 million and £2.325 million on trotting and greyhounds.

In Victoria, bookmakers' turn-over was £351.162 million, or 22.7 per cent of the total legal gambling market, in the same year. The bookmaker submits his tax return to the race club at which he operates, and the tax is divided equally between the state government and the club.

On-course totes are another source of revenue to the clubs. They pay varying rates of tax on different types of bet. In Western Australia, for example, they pay 7.5 per cent on win and place bets at metropolitan courses, and 3.5 per cent at provincial and country courses.

By far the most important sources of tax for state governments, and of revenue to racing, are the state TABs, set up in the 1960s to meet the market for off-course betting, which until then had been conducted illegally hy starting price bookmakers In 1987-88, the TABs' racing

turnover in three states was: The amounts paid to the state governments (relating to the TABs' entire operation covering all forms of gambling) and to the racing industry (excluding trotting and greyhounds) were:

Racing £6.148m £25.720m £18.465m The Victoria Government sum

includes £38 millioo designated for hospitals and charities. In Victoria and New South Wales, £6.139 millioo and £6.372 millioo respectively were paid to the Racecourse Development Fund, which makes grants to all clubs, inluding trotting and greyhounds. Thus, three state TABs distributed just over £50 million to Flat racing in one year.

Racing's treatment by state gov-

ernments brings few complaints. except in Western Australia. There a "Task Force", headed by C. W. Quin, a public relations consultant and former journalist, inquired into the industry and reported earlier this year.

It recorded that a series of "unfortunate and unsavoury incidents" had been given widespread publicity and could sap the public's confidence in the sport's integrity. The incidents included several cases of doping and an attack on a senior steward.

The Task Force was, however, mainly concerned with examining racing's financial and administrative systems in Western Australia. It believed Western Australia to be over-taxed and underfunded echoes of Britain.

Some of its non-metropolitan courses looked down at heel; some owners and trainers were moving to eastern states, where prize-money was better, all but the most fortunate trainers, jockeys and breeders were making unacceptably low incomes; some trainers were having to charge below the recommended rates to retain clients.

In contrast, racing in Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales had an air of progress and confidence.

The Task Force made some revealing comparisons between states relating to the "galloping code" - as Flat racing is known, to distinguish it from trotting and

greyhound racing. These concerned the percentage of total TAB dis-tribution allocated to the galloping code and the funds available from the Racecourse Development Fund. The results, in £ millions, for 1986HAYDOCK

The Task Force could not even operating in Australia, make a state by state comparison of on-course Tote taxes, but it noted that the two most nearly comparable States, Queensland and South Australia. were far better treated.

In Queensland, win and place bets on course were charged 2.5 per cent plus 0.5 per cent for the Development Fund; and in South Australia a sliding scale operated betwen I per cent and 5.25 per cent. These taxes compare with 7.5 per cent (metropolitan) and 3.5 per cent (non-metropolitan) in Western

In the British context, the most significant point is the Task Force's complaint that the amount creamed off the TAB's operations in Western Australia by the Government was slightly greater than the amount

refunded to racing.
In Britain, as The Times showed yesterday, the Government, through tax, duty and VAT, takes 9.5 per cent of every £1 bet. The Quin report has already been successful in stimulating legislation to bring the TAB tax in Western Australia back to 6 per cent.

rize-money is another bone of contention. The Paris international conference figures indicate that total Australian prize money on the Flat was approaching £56 million, with an average per race of £2,232. This compares with an average of £7,000 prize-money per race to the 1988 Flat season in Britain; this high average disguises the fact that 10 per cent of the races had advertised values of £1,000 or less - and 40 per cent of National Hunt races, for that matter!

The prize money offered in Australia is a matter for the individual clubs, whose prosperity varies greatly. In Western Australia, in 1986-87, virtually all the income generated by clubs was spent on operating and maintaining the racecourses - leaving all but a fraction of the £4.8 million prize-money and subsidies to be met from the TAB's

In Victoria, the Victoria Race Club alone paid £5.1 million in prize-money in 1987-88: in New South Wales, total prize-money was £21 million. The figures may be incomplete and open to some question, but not so much as to prevent a rough comparison with Britain.

On almost every measure (except in Western Australia), racing in Australia is more prosperous than its British counterpart. The explanation is not hard to find.

in the 1960s, the Australians decided not to legalize off-course betting but to give a monopoly to the TABs. A few years earlier, the British industry had had the chance to push for exactly the same thing but failed to take the opportunity.

TOMORROW

The questions for the Home Secretary to consider

Law Report December 15 1988

No race discrimination in refusing Hong Kong teacher qualified status

Education and Science

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment December 2]

A refusal by the Secretary of State for Education to grant qualified teacher status to a Hong Kong trained teacher was not an unlawful act of discrimination against her under the provisions of the Race Relations Act 1976. Even if there was discrimination within section 1(1) it was rendered lawful by section 41(1)(b).

The Court of Appeal so beld (Lord Justice Balcombe dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Theresa Lee Ping Li Hampson, from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tri-bunal ([1988] ICR 278) that had upheld an industrial tribunal's refusal of her claim that in being denied qualified teacher status she had been unlawfully

discriminated against.
The applicant, a Chinese national, took a two-year teacher training course in Hong Kong and after eight years of teaching took a further one year's course. She came in England and app-lied for qualified status so as to enable her 10 teach in English state schools

on the ground that the Hong tion or qualification; or (b) by

Knng course was not com-parable to an approved course required by regulation 13 of, and Schedule 5 to the Education (Teachers) Regulations (SI 1982 No 106) as it was not for a three-year period or of sufficiently high standard. She complained to an indus-

trial tribunal that she had been unlawfully discriminated against on the ground of her race contrary to sections 1(1)(b) and 12(1) of the 1976 Act by being refused qualified teacher status. Section 1(1) provides: "A person discriminates against another . . . if . . . (b) he applies

to that other a requirement or condition which he applies or would apply equally to persons not of the same racial group as that other hut — . . (ii) which he cannot show to be justifiable irrespective of the colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins of the person to whom it is applied; and (iii) which is to the detriment of that other, because he cannot comply with

Section 12(1) provides: "It is unlawful for an authority or body which can confer an authorization or qualification which is needed for, or faciliprofession or trade to discriminate against n person - (a) in the terms on which it is prepared to confer on him that authorizating to grant, his application for Section 75 enacts that the Act

Minister of the Crown or government department.
Section 41 provides: "(1) Nothing in Parts II to IV shall render unlawful any act of discrimination done - (a) in pursuance of any enactment or Order in Council; or (b) in pursuance of any instrument made under any enactment by a Minister of the Crown; . . .".

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the ap-plicant: Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Timothy Hewitt for the department. LORD JUSTICE BAL-COMBE dissenting said that he would first consider the department's claim for immunity under section 41. It said that in refusing to approve the

course completed by the ap-plicant as comparable to a course within Schedule 5 to the 1980 Regulations, the secretary nf state was acting in pursuance of an instrument made under the Education Act 1980 by a Minister of the Crown and w so within the immunity con-ferred by section 41(1)(b). That argument was controvertible if the words "in pursuance of any instrument" were apt to include not only acts

of an express obligation con-tained in the instrument (the "narrow construction") but also acts done in exercise of a power or discretion conferred by the instrument (the "wide construction").

Both constructions were possible. The wide one was the more natural. Was there anything in the context of the Act which led to an indication that the narrow construction was the Correct one?
The wide construction was in direct conflict with sections 13 to 18 inclusive of the Act. Yet

pressly subject to any of those sections. That led to the inevitable conclusion that the wide construction should be The question remained whether the narrow construcsome nther intermediate one should be found. Parliament in enacting section 41 could not have intended that the secretary of state should be entitled to ignore the racial implications of

section 41 was not made ex-

that he was doing.
There were sound policy reasons for the narrow construc-tion. It should follow that the department was not entitled to section 41 immunity here. The question then arose as to whether the department could

show that the proposed require-

training was justifiable under section 1(1)(b)(ii) of the Act. Assistance on that issue could be derived from Lord Justice Stephenson in Ojutiku v Man-power Services Commission ([1982] ICR 661, 674). "Justifiable" required an objective balance to be made

between the discriminatory effect of the requirement or condition and the reasonable needs of the party who applied the requirement or condition. That construction was supported by the decision of the Hnuse of Lords in Rainey v Greater Glasgow Health Board ([1987] AC 224). The industrial tribunal's rul-

ing on whether the requirement or condition was "justifiable" was in the circumstances deficient. They had failed to identify the standards by which they were testing the department's justification of the conditions applied to the applicant and they made no finding on whether the content of the applicant's courses was com-parable with that of the domes-

tic course.
It followed that the appeal should be allowed and the case remitted to a fresh industrial tribunal for reconsideration of the applicant's complaint of discrimination.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER

said that the case for the and such a construction had to that if that was wrong then his discrimination was waived from being unlawful by section 41.

Dealing with the last point first, the department said simply

that what was done was in pursuance of an instrument (the 1982 Regulations) made under an enactment by a Minister of the Crown.

The force of that argument was great. Plainly when the secretary of state made the regulations he was acting in pursuance of an enactment oot-withstanding that the Education

Act 1980 conferred n wide discretion on him regarding the qualifications that he might require teachers to possess.
However, Mr Sedley said that
section 41 was limited to acts required to be done by or under statute - that it nuly protected acts done in necessary performance of an express abligation contained in an enactment or an instrument to the case of section 41(1)(b).

Unless that limitation was adopted, it was said, there was no stopping place short of a applicants to apply for qualified status, that is, n public right to everything done by n body; which owed its existence and powers to an enactment so long

be rejected because it would render nugatory other pro-visions of the Race Relations Act and would offend the principles laid down by the House of Lords in Bradford Corporation v Myers ([1916] 1 AC 242).
Such a construction, which Lord Justice Balcombe had

referred to as the "wide construction", had to be re-jected. But did rejection of that wide construction compel soconstruction contended for by the applicant? That the problem arising from the wording of section 41 was a

difficult one was illustrated by the Bradford Corporation case protection under section 1 of the blic Authorities Protection Act 1893. Taking the test laid down in that case by Lord Shaw of Dunfermine (at p264) as a guide — as Lord Porter in Griffiths v Smith ([1941] AC 170, 208-9) considered it should.

- the secretary of state was here No private right or duty was involved. The applicant had a right in common with all other That right stemmed wholly can the regulations. The sec-

retary of state had a public duty to consider her application and deal with it in accordance with

did not avail him was based solely on the proposition that there was an element of discretion involved. That did not assist, at all events where as bere, there was a positive duty

to exercise the discretion.

The industrial tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal were correct in holding that the out. In reaching that conclusion there was oo attempt to define a universal test: it was not de-

sirable to do so.

With regard to the meaning of
"justifiable" and the adequacy
of the tribunal's reasons his
Lordship said that be agreed
with Lord Justice Balcombe and
had activing to add. had nothing to add.
In conclusion some doubt was

to be expressed on the con-cession made by the department applied to the secretary of state. If he was "an authority or body" within the meaning of the section then it did apply but it was not at all clear that he was. Lord Justice Nourse, concur-

ring with Lord Justice Parker, held that the section 41 defence

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Mercy Less to regain winning thread

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Mercy Less, my selection to win the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy at Haydock Park today, is a good example of a horse improving after changing stables. He has also benefited from a three-month spell in the care of that horseman extraordinaire, Harvey Smith.

Last season, Mercy Less had no worthwhile form. Now it can be argued that he is unlucky not to have won both his races for his current handier, George Moore.

For having won first time out at Newcastle, where he was carrying much more than his allotted weight, he then looked all set to follow up at Carlisle a fortnight ago until he misjudged the third-last fence and fired his rider into

12.45 Arum Lily

1.15 Stepaside Lord. 1.45 Mercy Less.

FORM BLACK MONKEY produced his best effort to best Lord Toronage % in a Cheltenham novices* hurdle last term. Fell in a novices* chase on seasonal responsance but has the potential to do better. RACHAN SIASTER ahowed his best form when \$22nd to Aughavogue in a novices* chase at Ludiow (2m 4, soft) in March. Ran as though in need of the race when well-besten

FORM LITTLE POLVER ran well here on latest outing when 251 2nd to Run And Stop 3m 4f, sont with BORDER LAD (20 worse oft) a neck 3rd. Thorough stayer stated by soft ground, #MEMBERBON running-on 77 2nd of 0 to Torside at Sandown (3m 5f. 18yd, good), with DART OVER (40) better off) 75 3rd.

MARKAL, ran well on reappearance when 25 2nd to

TRAINERS

12.00 Navaresque.

12.30 Amber Blossom. 1.00 Golden Samphire.

1 112143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,5) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0 ...

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JOLLY VIC 44F (C Wells) P Feigate 10-12.

PRO LETCOMBE 48 (B) (R Cox) M McCourt 10-12.

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make a similar mistake again of whom have let the form this afternoon, Mercy Less down since. It remains my then exposed at Sandown, I that Against much prefer Voyage Sans

showed he is blessed with a bottomless pit of stamina, which is just as well because today's race promises to be a real slog over four miles with those tough campaigners, Hardy Lad and Little Polveir, also standing their ground.

They have both won the Scottish National over today's trip at Ayr, Hardy Lad also has two victories over today's course to his credit. But unlike Little Polveir he has not run this season.

has precious little in hand of Border Lad on their running jockey, will also be hopeful of bahind Run And Skip at the winning the HLH Timber Hurdle. again for On the book Little Polyeir previous meeting.
Against The Grain acquit-

ted himself quite well when be finished third behind Beau Provided that he does not Ranger and Smart Tar, neither Newcastle already.

2.15 Voyage Sans Retour. 2.45 Fu's Lady. 3.15 RIFLE RANGE (nap).

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7th to Alacul at Luciow on reappearance.
STEPASEE LORD is a good-class hurder at his best, although he was largely disappointing last season; sure to be strongly fancied for chasing debut here, however. SECRET RITE steps down in class eiter a 22% 3rd to Sir Biske in useful novices' company at Newbury (2m 4f, good) last time.
Selection: SECRET RITE

Cool Ground at Chepstow (3m 3f, soft) with subsequent winner Outside Edge 3d 3rd, MERCY LEBS, normally a sound jumper, unsented his rider three out when looking the flusty winner at Carliele last time (3m, heavy); seriler stayed on well to beat Stlent Valley 3l at Newcastle (3m 6t, good to not), improved this season.

2.00 Half Decent. 2.30 Pride Hill.

3.30 Blushing Spy.

3.00 Fort Lino.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 2.15 Voyage Sans Retour. 2.45 Bartres. 3.15 UNDAUNTED (nap).

FORM ARUM LETY cannot be opposed but is trady a betting proposition. Drops in class after a 1%1 detect of Stormy Monarch in handlesp company at Nottingham (2m 6f, good) last time. MRS PROPLEATER returns to this grade for

BETTING: 4-5 Stepenide Lord, 11-8 Secret Filts, 14-1 Black Monkey, 19-1 Copper Streek, 20-1 Rechen

1.45 RONNIE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (23,492: 4m) (9

Long handleap: Border Lad 8-10, Rassel 9-9, Morcy Leas 9-3, BETTING: 7-2 Little Polveir, 9-2 Mercy Leas, 11-2 Arcesse, Rausel, 13-2 Border Lad, 9-1 Dart Over, Against The Grain, 12-1 Memberson,

Course specialists

(Not including yesterday's results)

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 CHIEF BUCKANEER.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Resecute number. Sbr-figure form (F - fell., P - pulled up. If - unseeted rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disquatified). Horas's name. Oays since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course where. D - distance where. CD - course and handcapper's rating.

1987: MEETING AMANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

8 603/2-4P MASTER ATTORNEY 22 (J Helewood) D McCain 5-10-10 H Davies 74 7 646-949 MASTER OF LYRIC 15 (Ars A Helewood) Jimmy Fitzpandid 6-10-10 M Dwyer 84 8 190-9 TARTAN TARAND 55 (S) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mit) G Richards 0-10-10 J Heasen 0 00/03PP WOLVER DAN 355 (W loston) J Leigh 6-10-10 R Johnson 10 00/6-0 AMENISCO 07 (Arts E Yates) B Preccs 5-10-9 G Lendess 11 9-POF CLASECY BOY 8 (A Kaplan) 3 Spearing 5-10-9 G Lendess 10 000Po-6 COOL DISTINCTION 62 (J Huckle) C Triedine 5-10-9 J Shorti 13 000/9-8 KELLY WICCIA 41 (K Smith (Chelcheston)) C Bell 0-10-8 J Duggien 14 0/0P-8 LADY SECRET 37 (Miles L Wood) A J Wilson 5-10-4 G Coaley SETTING: 9-4 Chief Buckaneer, 11-4 Amber Blossom, 9-2 Meeter Of Lyric, 7-1 Galloping Claude, 6-1 Tartain Taberd, 10-1 Cool Distinction, 12-1 others.

1.0 CHRISTMAS BOX SELLING HURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-O: £701: 2m) (13 runners)

QF4136 PEACORPALA 12 (F) (R Ashford) R Morris 10-13.

PROP FAY'S PET 6 (D Maund) B Stavers 10-12.

P NEIL'S ADVICE 163 (E Plumb) C Spares 10-12.

40 ORTY 96 (D McCain) O McCain 10-12.

80 EU PASSION ROM 15 (Brish Throughbrid R & B Pic) M H Esstarby 10-12.

500 SILVER ARCH 5 (B) (G A Ferndon Eng Ltd) R Hollinsheed 10-12.

60 STORM WARRIOR 17 (Mr. J GB) B Proces 10-12.

STORMU SE (SP) (J. Pepper) J. Jenkins 10-12.

S GEMMA REDWOOD 27 (G GENET) O C'Nell 10-7.

S GOLDEN SAMPHRES (R White) M Chapman 10-7.

MRELEAT 46F (C Green) C Beaver 10-7.

RAINTREE TONC 17 (3 Medd) J Parkes 10-7.

200 TUPS 63 (Ros Racing Lin) G Ros 10-7.

12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICES CHASE (£1,203: Sm 110yd) (14 runners)

12.0 CHRISTMAS BOX SELLING HURDLE (Div I: 3-Y-O: £701: 2m) (13 runners)

12.45 CHIPMOBILE SELLING HURDLE (21,129: 2m 6f) (3 runners)

1.15 HLH TIMBER NOVICES CHASE (£3,002: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 4-21111 ARUM LLY 12 (D.F.Q) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds Pic) N Tinider 4-10-9 2 907901- SRTS PEOPLEATER 259 (D WINTER) O Winter 5-10-4 2 POP PRINCESS LUCIAMNE 27 (L Balter) B Richmond 4-10-4 3 POP PRINCESS LUCIAMNE 27 (L Balter) B Richmond 4-10-4 3 BETTING: 1-14 Arum Lily, 14-1 Mrs Peopletier, 16-1 Princess Lucianne. 1997: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

That Newcaztle race today with 12 stone to carry. stable.

Anyone wanting a well-bred brood mare could do a lot the Flat in France this sumworse than consider buying Arum Lily after what should be a winning performance from her in the Chipmobile footsteps of his stable Selling Hurdle.

For she is by Bustino, out of a mare by Lyphard, and pedigrees don't come much better than that, Added to which, she has already won four times over burdles this season besides once on the

Nigel Tinkler, oo Bank View who has been successful in similar races at Ayr and

should be very hard to beat view, though, that Against much prefer Voyage Sams well for her present trainer by with his featherweight.

The Grain has a stiff task Retour from Martin Pipe's winning both her races this season the most recent by ten

The winner of five races on mer, including one at Maisons-Laffitte, this colt now looks like following in the companions Jabrut and Enemy Action, who were both successful first time out over hurdles at the previous meeting.

Stepaside Lord (1.15) and Fu's Lady (2.45) look other likely winners for Pipe. Stepaside Lord, my selection for the HLH Timber Novices' Chase, finished fifth in the Champion Hurdle a

couple of seasons ago. He rather lost his way last term, but following that quite Footwell Park recently he lengths.

2.15 HILH TIMBER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: 21,954: 2m) (20 runners)

113 BANK VEW 13 (D.G.B) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tickder 11-10...
21 BALS RU 12 (D.B) (J Hunt) J J O'Nell 11-3...
21 PARADISE BEACH 5 (D.S) (7 Taylor) B McMehon 11-3...
ANOTHER TOY (P Hilton) T Caldwell 10-10...
BAKETS LAMB 58F (I. Bellor) B Richnood 10-10...
BRIGHT ASELE 58F (P Grundy) N Tinkler 10-10...
D COSO BAY 6 (Mr.S E Hiltolins) Mrs J Pitton 10-10...
E MAY HADDYN 3 (Mr.S E Hiltolins) Mrs J Pitton 10-10...

D COBO BAY 6 (Mrs. E Histins) Mrs. J Pittins 10-10.

8 EJAY HAITCH 21 (Mrs. E Handley) H Whenton 10-10.

EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT 66F (J Gordon) B Moore 10-10.

8 MACARTHER 17 (Mrs. A Henson) M W Estischy 10-10.

ALARRADOMS SROOK (Lord Caciogen) M Cramp 10-10.

0 MOTTRAIN'S GOLD 41 (G Brown) R Diction 10-10.

8 SULTIC CROSS 12 (W Green) G Moore 10-10.

8 TITUS GOLD 8 (A Dictinson) M Dictionson 10-10.

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TITULER TYPE (Mrs. G Terribell) D Molfatt 10-10.

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2.45 BOSTON PIT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,201: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

3.15 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,507: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

2/82-112 GLASS MOUNTAIN 47 (D,BF,F,G) (B Whilehorn) B Moore 9-11-10 .

FORM BANK VIEW has two impressive wine

FURTM SAME YEEM IN B NO REPRESENT WHE to his credit and was by no means degraced when 141 Srd to Al Associ at Sandown (2m, good). MHLS MIJ beat Tot Of Five 31 at Wetherby (2m, noth) last time with SOUTH CHOSS (7to better off) 151 3rd and WESTMEAD well beaten. PARADISE BEACH a 154 winner from OVERDRAFT (7to botter off) at Leleseter (2m, soft) last time. Holds COSO

FORM JOINT SOVEREMENTY, 61 4th of six finishers behind Stay On Tracks at Newcastle (2m 44, good) last time. Not the easilest of rides. PLAREY SAIDA ran his best race this session when 13d 2nd to Auntle Dot at Uttoweler (2m 44, soft) lest time.

DAVY'S WEIR failed in his attempt at a five-time?

FORM RIFLE RANGE was a 25 winner from Prompt Action 251 over course and distance last month (good to soft). Can follow sp. GILASS MOUNTAIN, hvice a winner this term, was a neck 2nd to Broctane Grey at Wetherby last time 5% good to settle.

METTHN2: 11-8 Voyage Sans Retour, 4-1 Mils MJ, 9-2 Bank View, 5-1 Overdraft, 8-1 Paradise Beach, 10-1 South Cross, 12-1 others.

1 22P3-44 JOINT SOVEREIGHTY 33 (0,8F,F,G,S) (8 Ryen) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-12-2 __ J Hayes (7) 2 F5406/3 BARTRES 18 (0,G,S) (Mrs D Build) D Murray-Smith 9-11-15 _______ \$ Smith Section

BETTING: 5-2 Fu's Larly, 3-1 Dany's Welt, 9-2 Joint Sovereignly, 6-1 Bertree, 7-1 Flarey Serk 10-1 Kamir.

2/(2-112 GLASS MOUNTAIN 47 (D.BF.F.G) (B Whitehorn) B Moore 9-11-10 P Sequinations 0-21 ReFLE RANGE 22 (CD.S) (C Marphy) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-3 R Beggan 6 35067-1 TOO LATE 21 (C.S) (Mass N Carroll) R Armylage 5-11-3 A Orienty 3 BETWEEN THE LINES 34 (Mrs C McDonnell) A J Wilson 6-10-10 G Membry 6 GENERAL HIGHWAY (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-10-10 G G Membry 7 (Marphy) Mrs J Salon 0-10-10 G G Membry 7 (Marphy) Mrs J Salon 0-10-10 G G Membry 7 (Marphy) Mrs J Salon 0-10-10 G G Membry 7 (Marphy) Mrs J Salon 0-10-10 G G Membry 7 (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-10-10 G G Lyone (4) Mindfar AL DUST 43 (G) (M Groom) Mrs G Jones 5-10-10 R Chapman 100-Newtrawn DALE 330 (P Beswick) Mrs G Jones 5-10-10 P Dever 100-10 Membry 100-10 Mrs G Jones 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 8 SLAS 48 (G Paber) R Estration 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 8 SLAS 48 (G Paber) R Estration 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 9 SLAS 48 (G Paber) R Estration 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 9 SLAS 48 (G Paber) R Estration 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 100-10 Mrs J (J Harson 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 100-10 Mrs J Mrs J (J Harson 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 100-10 Mrs J Mrs J (J Harson 5-10-10 S J O'Nelli 100-1

BETTRIC: 15-8 Rifle Range, 4-1 Glass Mountain, Undaunted, 11-2 Too Late, 0-1 Wessex, 6-1 Lyn Magio, 12-1 others.

Wolverhampton (2m 6! 110yd, good) and sub- Selection: RIFLE RANGE (nep)

1.30 CHRISTMAS TREE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,786: 2m 74yd) (13 runners)

2.0 CHRISTMAS PARTY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (21,338: 2m 4f)

BETTRIC: 2-1 Half Decent, 4-1 The Pice, 5-1 The Humble Tiller, 5-1 Palestroh, Jane's Delight, 10-1 Milipond Boy, 12-1 The Lets Man, 14-1 Deep Caff, Blue Finch, 18-1 others.

3.0 CHRISTMAS CAKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,497: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

3.30 CHRISTMAS CRACKER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (21,088: 2m) (12 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Bold Archer, 7-2 Stushing Spy, 5-1 Someone Else, Segert Arcon, 6-1 Create Bay, 16-1 smic Flight, 12-1 Just The Ticket, 16-1 others.

2.90 CHRISTMAS STOCKING HANDICAP CHASE (22,092: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

R-S1 HALF DECENT 41 (D.G.) (Mrs. A Wastace) Mrs. M. Dickinson S-11-5

-3-1068 THÉ LATE MAN 34 (D.F.) (C Trietline) C Trietline 7-11-5

0 BLIE FINCH 54 (C Cooper) J Jenkins 4-10-8

0 CASINO MAGIC 21 (Mrs. M Wilson) J Spessing 4-10-9

DEEP CLIFF 654 (J Graham) S Norion 8-10-9

0-35 JANE'S DELIGHT 34 (Mrs. K Berry) Jimmy Fizzgerald 4-10-6

PFF-0 KASSALA 34 (J Parkes) J Parkes 7-10-9

MANDALAY PRINCE 100F (H Rushworth) T Kersey 4-10-9

S3 MILLPOND BOY 7 (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-10-0

30-200 PALMRUSH 77 (Mrs. L Carr-Walker) C Thornton 4-10-9

6- THE MURBLE TILLER 239 (Mrs. F De Moraville) N Handerson 5-10-9

50-8230 THE PIKE 12 IP Accoulty Mrs. V Accounty 5-10-9

50-6230 THE PIKE 12 (P Acontey) Min V Acontey 5-10-9
P. TWILIGHT LAD 255 (S Smith) S Smith 7-10-9
090/ BPY ANNADETSKY 879 (Mrs. V Hobson) C Beaver 5-10-4
08-63 WAY CLEAR 64 (E Malkin) C Boil 5-10-4

Fu's Lady has already done season, the most recent by ten lengths at Huntingdon.

Against that backcloth, it is not difficult to envisage her winning the Boston Pit Handicap Chase with bottom

While conceding that opposing any horse trained by Jenny Pitman is risky nowadays, I do so in the Hindley Green Novices' Hurdle by going nap on Rifle Range to beat Undaunted.

Promising that Undaunted was at Newbury, where he finished third behind Wishlon, I still prefer Rifle Range who looks the more experienced and mature at this juncture. His latest win was achieved over today's promising run over hurdles at course and distance by 25

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M Jones (7)

BACARTHER was 10 3rd to Preclose Memories at Catterick (2m, good) on hurding bow and is limly to improve. VOYAGE SAMS RETUUR, formarly trained in Praces, won the timps last Flat season, including at Melsons-Laffitie. An interesting prospect.

when 61 2nd to Kibritish Castle at Sundown (2m 4f 68yd, good) with BARTRES (same terms) 2f away 3rd. FU'S LADY is improving. Last time was an easy 101 winner from Abboyhranoy at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, good to soft). Pensitzed 4th but has a clear chance.

esquently finished a craditable 1/2nd to Regardiest at Warwick (2m 5/, soft). TOO LATE won here on reappearance when beeting Candisbright 5/2m, soft) but face a tougher test here. URDAUNTED made a promising hurding debut when 13/3nd of 25 to Wishion at Newbury (2m 100yd, good).

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Selection: FUS LADY



Stephenson plans Rich Nickel ambitious double profits from for The Thinker

The Thinker, Arthur Stephen-soo's 1987 Chettenham Gold Cup winner, continued his rehabilitation with a stylish success in the three-runner Tommy Whittle Chase at Haudook Bark unsterdian Tommy Whittle Cha Haydock Park yesterday. Stephenson's stable star was dogged by a series of problems, which kept him out of action for 20 months, before making a winning reappearance at Kelso last month, and this victory underlined he is on the province.

underlined he is on the way Kissane cut out the early running, but Alan Merrigan jumped The Thinker to the front at the second-last fence to

score by 12 lengths.
Stephenson said: "I have oo hard and fast rules for him, but the long-term plan has to be Cheltenham in March. He will also be entered for the Grand National. This race was made to measure for him and I will be on the lookout for something simi-

Hills cut The Thinker's Gold Cup price to 12-1 from 16-1, and offer 150-1 for that and the-Grand National double. John Edwards said of rides Bartres for David Murray
Kissane: "He is taking time to Smith in the Boston Pit Handicome to himself and is not quite cap Chase,

with only three runners." The Princess Royal and Canon Class were beaten a distance, but his trainer David Nicholsoo had reason to smile:
"Tm delighted. The Princess had a lovely ride, collected the best part of £t,000 in finishing third and thoroughly enjoyed it."

● The sponsors have cut Bon-anza Boy to 7-1 (from 8-1) for the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow on December 27. Aquilifer is the 5-1 favourite.

Smith Eccles misses ride

Steve Smith Eccles was forced to give up the ride on Funchen View, umplaced in the Saint Nicholas Handicap Chase at Worcester yesterday, because of B stomach upset. Seamus O'Neill deputized.

However, Smith Eccles is hopeful of returning at Haydock Park this afternoon when he

Scudamore three short of century after treble

overdrive and they collected yet another treble with Soudrio, Rusch De Farges and Pharoah's Laen at Haydock, Lily Mab also

won for Pipe at Worcester.

Scudemore put himself on the 97-winner mark for the season with his treble, but had to call on all his talent when getting Phareah's Leen home from the

hard-driven Glea Lochan in the Ribble Novice Chase.
He later admitted that
Bishopdale had the 9-4 on
favourite beaten when falling at

the whip and suspended him for two days, but it turned out to be only an academic punishment as there is no racing in this country on December 23-24.

Peter Hopkins, who saw his colours successful with Green Willow and Abbreviation at Cheltenham on Saturday, was again in the winner's enclosure after the John Marray and Sons

Yesterday's results

Haydock Park

CSF-£1.71.

2.15 (2m 4f hole) 1, WCARIO DI BRAY (M Daver, 85-40 fav); 2, Fostos (L Wyer, 11-1); 3, Bublous Jaise (J Callagram, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fish Cusy (4th), 7 Forever Blue, Crassle Dickins, 14 Hischenstown, 25 Feeling Rosey, Warwick Suite (8th), Down Flight, 33 James My Boy (5th), 50 Rowley Lodge (pu), Draschought, 13 ran, NR: Prime Number, 4, 41, 41, 81, 31, J J O'Nell at Permith. Total: £4.00; £1.30, £3.00, £2.30.

DF: £22.50. CSF: £22.57, Tricast: £95.81. DF: 552.50. CSF: 228.67. Tricant: 295.81.
2.45 (3m ch) 1, PHAROAH'S LABH (P
Scudemore, 4-9 tay); 2, Gline Lochan (P
Haris, 10-1); 3, Paddy Buck (S Earle, 251). ALSO RAM: 5-2 Bishopotate (T), 50
Crocsox (4th), Torrington Warnior (pu), 6
ran. 31, dast, 131. M Pipe at Weilington.
Tota: 21.40; 21.10, 23.10. DF: 25.70. CSF27.84.

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the second last — but the drama did not finish there.

Pharoah's Laen looked to have a decisive advantage after taking the last in front but then tired quickly and had only half a length to spare on the line.

The stewards found Glen Lochan's claiming rider, Paul With Dubious Jake the same distance away third.

His trainer, Jonjo O'Neill, is eyeing the Ladbroke Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 14 for Vicario Di Bray, despite his being a long way out of the handicap. "Believe me he is a very good horse," grinned O'Neill.

Coing: good to soft

12.45 (2m hole) 1, SONDRIO (P
Scudamore, 1-2 (sry Mandarin's rep and
Phales Handicapper's top rating); 2,
Gesobra (M Richards, 7-1); 3, Weetmans
Wagos (P Wall, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 12
Direct Response, 16 Touch Or Speed
(Eri), Cholomati, 35 Brusque (4th), Larmel
Bank, 50 Caesar's Captain, Fountaincourt, Must Be Magic (5th), Roman Moor,
65 Our Hero, 100 Batton Boy, Racing
Demon, Sherwood Gurner, 16 ran. NR:
Sewens Out. 8, 258, 10, 74, 44. M Pipe at
Wellington. Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £1.70,
£3.20, DF: £3.30, CSF: £4.67. Solichor's
Cholce (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders
— rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in
pound.

pound.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, RUSCH DE FARGES
(P Soudemore, 16-1); 2, Southern Minetrel
(A Merrigen, 7-1); 3, Cool Strifes (B Storey,
11-2); ALSO RAM: 4-6 fav Saffren Lord
(ur), 8 Tonights The Night (Sth), 14 Travel
Over (4th), 8 ran. 15; 4, 11; 151. M Pipe at
Wellington, Tote: 27: 10; 22-90, 22-70. DF:
274.70. CSF: £101.14.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, THE THROCER (A
Merrigan, 4-6 fav); 2, Kinsame (T Morgen,
5-9; 3, Canon Clase (The Princess Royel,
50-1), 3 ran. 12, diet. W A Staphenson at
Bishop Auckland, Tote: £1.50, DF: £1.10.
CSF-£1.71.
2.15 (2m of Indie) 1, VICARIO DI IRRAY

Worcester

Goings good to som:

12.30 (2m hdie) 1, FAIRFIELDS CONE
(M Jones, 14-1); 2, Patalco (G Cox, 10-11
tay; 3, Lots Of Leach (J McL.aughlin, 15-2),
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Suir Flun (4th), 10
Almarinar: 14 Royal Athlets (5th), 18

Handicap Hurdle. riandicap future.
Vicario Di Bray, his expensive
purchase from Ireland, proved
four lengths too good for Foston
with Dubious Jake the same

Bingdon Builders, Kopies, 20 Bumptious Boy, Vazon Bay (6th), 25 Norwich Castle, 35 Foodbroker Ryer, Golden Boy (pu), Home Jeste, Karbaj, Loch Deve (pu), Potterion Profile, Odeen's Bishop, Su-preme Standa By (pu), The Mishep, Royal Lace, Wild Enchartress (pu), 22 ran. 3, 114, 3, 14, 5, R Dickin et Newant, Tota: 517.80; 53.90, 51.30, 53.00, DF: 520.70. CSF: 529.87.

1.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, JAUNTER (W Invine, 0-1); 2, Democratic Boy (1 Limmonce, 6-4 fev); 3, Shottingo (5 Hodgeson, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Ther-An-Bharr (4th), 13-2 incandesce (pu), 10 Jezzal (8th), 16 Greenore Pride (6th), Pharmoth's Treasure (pu), 20 Lariomoven (D, 50 Modern Music (pu), Provertial Session (pu), 11 ran. NR: Thornico. 2, 12, 12, dist, 30. W Holden at Newmarket. Tota: 28.40; 52.30, C1.10, 23.50, DF: 212.40, CSF: 216.12, Tricest: 2345.04.

1.30 (2m 2f hdie) 1. MERRIRE (D Murchy, 4-6 tav); 2. Neutical Selle (S McNell, 9-4); 3. Sparking Judy (M Williams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Valverde (6th), 16 Mehlits (ur), 20 Nonsuch Pelace (4th), 33 Master Comedy, Sunday Jim (5th). 6 ran. 1, 7, 94, 151, 51. B Curley at Newmarket. Tone: 22.00; 21.10, 21.10, 2270. DF: 23.10, CSF: 23.07. Winner bought in for 8,000gns.

8,000gns.

2.0 (2m ch) 1. HOPE COVE (N Hawke, 9-4): 2. Only Trouble (H Davies, 7-1): 3. Tarabumara (Peter Hobbs, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Reistriew) Easy (4th), 20 Annie Ra (5th), Kathles Choice (ur), 25 Star (N The Cosen, Sweet Snugfit (nu), 33 Lady Of Beldwin, Russys Special (n), 50 Fay Valentine (nu), Gamblingway (nu), Marina Plata (8th), Rose Rad City (nu), Tarmeorth Track (nu), 15 ran. 1, 6, 8, 8, 21, 1, 10, 10 Barons et Kingshridge, Tota: 22,80; £1.80, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £17.77.

CSF: £17.77.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, RiCH MCKEL (J Bryan, 25-1); 2, Fursan Hill (B Powali, 10-1); 3, Mount Oliver (W Humphreys, 10-1); 4, Woodland Generator (R Strongs, 14-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fav Gay Moore, 5 Glenawey (5th), Ragens Boy, 10 The Buckwheat (pu), Functen View, 14 The Thirsty Farmer, 20 Conjugate (pu), 25 Shazkin Brig (8th), 33 Borden Geel, Scale Model, 50 Cavatymen (po), Charlie The Danoer (pu), 16 ran. MR: Lakeffeld, 11, 14, 11, 12, rik. Mrs. MR Rhmell ar Sawern Stokes, Toter: £78.70; 28.40, £2.30, £2.20, £2.50. DF (winner or second with any other horse); £3.20. CSF: £239.55, Tricast; £2,487.47. After a skewards' inquiry the result stood.

3.0 Pen Inflict 1, LILY MAB (J Lower, 5-

result stood.

3.9 (2m hole) 1, LELY MAB (J Lower, 5-1); 2, issued Set (H Davies, 6-1); 3, Golog Gets Tough (J Frost, 20-1); ALSO RAN: 15-8 tov Blue Bourbon, 4 Fensity Double, 7 Sevens Out (5th), 6 Another Nonsense, 25-Fillode, 33 Chertestown (4th), Hard Stuff, Inn The Red, Little Kev, Nelsac (pu), Prinse Prinse, Uncle Cirrio (pu), Up And Coming, Annie De Pontme, Cursneh Decor (f), 20 ran. NR: Rarely At Odds, Scallymers, 154, 41, 71, 141, 21, M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: £5.90; £2.10, £3.00, £4.70. DP: £43.00, CSP: £47.79. Placepte £282.28.

schooling Mercy Rimell, whose associ

s lifetime, provided a 25-1 shock at yesterday's meeting when Rich Nickel gained a hard-earned length victory in the Saint Nicholas Handicap Chase. Tote punters received B hand-

some Christmas present, with odds of nearly 78-L. Rich Nickel, hard driven by Joho Bryan to head Furzen Hill 100 yards from the post, had failed to get round io his four latest starts, and Mrs Rimell revealed: "He's had B very iotensive course of schooling last week, never missing a day, and it's done the trick. He can jump — he had just been careless."

Mrs Rimell, who confirmed Celtic Chief a runner Bt Ascot on Saturday provided the ground is oot to firm, nearly took two winners home with her.

Rich Nickel's owner, Richard Grimes, was the under bidder for Merire after the seller, but the Kiooersley traiper emphasised: "It was nothing to do with me."

Bevan bitten

Hugo Bevan, clerk of the course at Worcester, was rushed to bospital after racing at Worcespospural atter racing at Worces-ter yesterday. He explained: "I've just been bitten by a stall-holder's dog, a dirty big alsatian. I think it would be sensible to get a tetrans injection."

Merire, one of the eleverest came from last to first without Declan Murphy moving, Barney Curley had to go to 8,000 guintess—a record for a Worces-ter seller—to retain the winner, but stated: "It's only evens whether he will be sound in the morning. I backed him to win £2,000 just in case."

Curley once again endorsed his admiration for his stable jockey. "I think Declan is the best rider in England or Ireland, and I've been saying it for t8 mooths."

A oumber of racegoers thought there should have been a stewards' inquiry after the favourite Patrico had finished second to Fairfields Cone in the

second to Fairfields Cone in the Turkey Novices' Hurdle (Division One).

Oliver Sherwood's gelding, a heavy faller B! Wincanton last time out, had only four behind him at halfway, and then made up B to! of ground before being hampered at the second-last. He till yan on to finish second. still ran on to finish second, apparently an unlucky loser.

David Barons shrewdly re-placed Paul Nicholls with Nigel placed Paul Nicholls with Nigel Hawke on Hope Cove in the Tattersalls Mares Only Novices Chase Qualifier and, after the six-year-old had got home by threequarters of a length from front runner Only Trouble, Barons explained: "I thought she would need Nigel's 41b allowants to make think! allowence to win, and I think I did the right thing.

Kempton entries

KING GEORGE VI RANK CHASE (Chumpionship race: £83,000: 3m): Acerine, Aquiller, Ballyhane, Barnbrook Aquin, Beau Ranger, Bishope Varn, Bob Tisdall, Bonanza Boy, Cavvies Clown, Cherter Party, Desert Orchid, Kildmo, Kissane, Nord AC, Nupsala, Pegwell Bay, Rules An Argument, Saftron Lord, Strands Of Gold, Vodicatini. 20 entries. To be run at Kempton Park, December 26.



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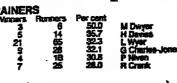
SETTING: 6-4 Passion King, 11-4 Yaribu, 4-1 Pasconpela, 8-1 Orty, 10-1 Golden Sapphire, 12-1 Tups, Silver Arch, 14-1 others.



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Brownsdon sees the trivial side to a pursuit of victory

Brownsdon has reached the stage where she needs more out of swimming. "Why are you still in the sport?" Keith Bewley, Brownsdon's coach, asked when she telephoned on Saturday night to seek his opinion on whether she should accept the last-minute offer of a place on the England team for the first Fina World Cup meeting, starting here today. "You're in it to enjoy yourself and travel. Go," Bewley advised.

Brownsdon, a veteran of three Olympic Games, wants more than the aimple accumulation of medals. Now it has become her sport, in the purest sense, for enjoyment's sake. "I'm having a lot more fun," she says, her eyes widen-

Yet, when she is in the water, Brownsdon's fun approach is also producing results, like the two British records she set in Edinburgh last weekend, her best form in seven years, as she got within an arm's length of beating the performances? Olympic champion, Tania

disappointment in Seoul.

Games," she said, rememberin Moscow and Los Angeles. demoralizing experience, Brownsdon returned to Britain, to a new home, a new eoach, and a new routine, where less is more.

"I couldn't go back to college in Calgary this year because the semester started during the Games, so I came back to Britain. But you get to the age where you can't live at home any more, and at Tunbridge Wells I am the oldest swimmer by about seven years, so I went up to Wigan."

There, Brownsdon lives with her friend, June Croft, and trains under the supervision of Bewley at Wigan Wasps. "I'm not doing the morning sessions now, and I'm running three or four times each week." Yet how does she explain the improved

"I suppose I might be

At 22 years of age, Suki Dangalakova. It marked a benefiting from all the work revival in her career after I've put in over the years. Also, it's a lot less pressured "It was my least successful now. At Calgary, the team ames," she said, remember- would be full of intering the finals she had reached nationals, and there were always expectations. This Having been through a winter, I just planned to swim well last weekend, and it worked."

That form could easily carry

over into the next few days, when she will be one of 160 swimmers from nine nations competing in the World Cup - an event modelled on the international skiing and athletics grands prix. It is a small but select bunch of swimmers that includes the Olympie medal winners. Krisztina Egerszegi and Karoly Guttler, of Hungary, and the European champion, Anders Holmertz, of Sweden.

Of greatest interest to Brownsdon in training yesterday was Allison Higson, of Canada. Higson dived into the Olympic pool in the 200 metres breaststroke final as world record-holder and cofavourite, only to emerge from the water without a medal or a



All smiles: Suki Brownsdon, experiencing a revival after the disappointment of Seoul

SPORTS LETTERS

Membership scheme unwelcome in Scotland

From Mr David Christie Sir. It appears that Mr Moyni-han, the Minister for Sport, would like ultimately to extend the proposed fontball membership scheme to Scottish league clubs. Such a decision would be unnecessary and unwise for the following reasons.

1. The scheme is designed to

curb a hooligan problem that has unfortunately afflicted the English game in recent years; Scotland has no such problem. 2. Many supporters and in-deed neutral spectators are not regular attenders; they would not purchase membership cards and would therefore be unfairly

prohibited from attending any

3. The proposed membership scheme would exacerbate rather than alleviate a current dangerous trend; at all-ticket matches (i.e. almost all Rangers and Celtic away games) many supporters, despite warning turn up late and try to crowd in as the game is starting. Card turnstiles, such as those used at

Lacrosse's answer From Mr J.H. Ekserdjian

Sir, I have read the correspondence on the professional foul (November 24 and December 1) with some interest. If the footballing authorities were really intent upon removing the professional foul from the game, then I would have thought the solution would be relatively simple if they were to operate a law which was applied in men's

In that game when a foul is committed the referee immediately halts the game and the players of both teams are required to stand exactly where they were when the referee blow

The offending player is sent 10 yards behind the victim of the foul and the victim of the foul is given a free position which means that he can either run with the ball, or pass it. It is obvious from this that the

offending team is in fact penal-ized and not given the opportunity of regrouping its delence as so often happens in the game of I did write to the Football

League many years ago suggest-ing the introduction of this rule in the game of fomball, but the then League secretary simply replied indicating that it would e a mammoth task to change

be a mammoth task to change the rules of the game worldwide. The game of men's lacrosse was also years ahead of fomball, in that if any player was injured at any time the opposing team was required in send off one of its own team, so that at all times both teams had the same num-ber of players on the field. How many Cun Finals were nuined as many Cup Finals were ruined as a spectacle before substitutes were allowed when there was early injury to a player who had to be taken off?
Yours faithfully.
JOHN EKSERDJIAN,
8 Holly Road North.

Cheshire.

Many smaller clubs would be deprived of one vital source of income. Already small atten-dances would be reduced further because supporters would be deterred from purchasing cards that involve a large financial outlay before the season has

started.

The extension of the scheme to Scotland would be a waste of money, futile and might reduce attendances. The proposed membership scheme should op-erate only in England, if at all. Yours faithfully, DAVID CHRISTIE,

From Mr N.R. Cowling Sir, Come a sunny Saturday afternoon in the spring of 1990 and an Englishman or a Weish-man will no longer be free, as he has been for a century, to go on the spur of the moment to his local Football League match —

Luton, would slow admittance further; surely a recipe for trouble. Still less to take a son, daughter or a friend with him. Terrorists no doubt will con-

tinue to move freely in Northern Ireland — no identity cards there - but if the Government has its way the 99.97 per cent of well behaved football supporters will have to carry a mug shot and a card linking them to a police

Rather than restricting the freedom of all of us, the authorities should be taking the known hooligans out of circulation through attendance orders requiring them to report to police stations when games are played. That is the fair and cost-effective way of dealing with the. problem, not with an unjust, impractical and expensive identity card apparatus.

since eschewed the Corinthian

ethic (i.e. presumably, open rugby) is to demonstrate a certain tactical naiveté. Cer-

tainly, sides which have prepon-

derant forward strength will

seek to close it up; but those with talent behind the scrum

must surely seek to use it. The object, after all, is to win.

sympathizing with those genu-ine first-class clubs who fear

they may in future be outwoted in the higher councils, any pursuit of such an argument must surely lead to dangerously

undemocratic ground.

The real groundswell for

leagues comes, I believe, from the conviction that the tra-

ditional gap between first and second class in Wales had

upward progress should no longer be bauliced. The proposed league system would certainly remedy this.

Caerphilly, Mid-Glamorgan.

Test status, they would still not be guaranteed selection: they would merely be available to play for their chosen country.

What would be wrong with giving ourselves the chance to

win a Test series for a change?

Overseas fillip

R. W. JONES, 9 Bedwas Road

Fourth, while like Mr Thomas

Yours sincerely, NORMAN COWLING, Easdon Cottage, Long Lane,

Manaton, Nr Newton Abbot,

Place of leagues

From Mr R. W. Jones Permit me to comment on Mr G. R. Thomas's letter about leagues in Welsh rugby (December 1). Accepting some, though ber 1). Accepting some, though by no means all, of his misgiv-ings about such leagues. I seek to address misleading impressions he creates. These, I submit, arise either from over-zealous argu-ment, or from specific local observations which find scant application beyond his immedi-ate vicinity. ate vicinity.

ate vicinity.
First, there are few — if any —
"second-class sides" in the
Gwent and Glamorgan valleys
who indulge in pipe dreams of
receiving the WRÜ league trophy, having overcome Cardiff,
Swansea, Llanelli et al twice that
season. Second-class chubs, however, can and regularly do overcome certain so called first-

class clubs in the already extant knockout cup.
Second, there is a well-established upward pathway for the "brilliant schoolboy player" whose West Walian demise Mr. Thomas mourns Almost all Thomas mourns. Almost all Welsh clubs now run at least one weish clubs now run at least one youth team. A glance at this year's national youth squad shows that the selection net is east across the whole spectrum. Talented youngsters may choose to join a "first-class" squad immediately; or may stay the selection at the within the local system until they mature and then try their

luck on the first-class scene.

My own local club, Bedwas, can point to a number of players who, treading this second route, have gained national, international and even British Lion status. Almost without excep-tion, these men return to spend their latter playing days with the local club, or at least within its coaching network. Hard-won experience and expertise is thus ploughed back to grass roots; at the same time precocious talent

is spared the "Bermuda Triangle" of rugby.
Third, to claim that all firstclass Welsh sides have long
Type of the "Bermuda Triangle" of rugby.
SARAH KNIGHT,
St Hugh's College, Oxford.

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CHRISTMAS SHOW

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RSE and HOUND

Harvey Smith gives inside news

and behind-the-scenes views

on this popular London event

in the equestrian calendar-the

participants, plus a preview of

the Young Rider Show Jumping

Peggy Grayson's popular

show jumping, dressage,

veterinary advice and up-todate equestrian news.

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Ski plan did look ahead From Mr A. Blackshaw

Sir, I wonder if your reporter, Mr Iain Macleod, in describing the British Ski Federation as a previously backward-thinking organization . . . nothing more than an old boy's club" (December 8), has actually read the federation's former corporate plan, The British Ski Plan 1985, which set out the then forward thinking to 1988 and beyond.

This plan provided a comprehensive British ski framework within which all of the bodies concerned with skiing in Britain, including the Ski Club of Great Britain (to which he also referred), could move forward, and help to support the teams and their management. More tangibly, it brought the federation about £330,000 a year from the Sports Council; this was the second highest grant among some 80 governing bodies and could not possibly have been made to a "backwardthinking organization".

article, hut also the nordic/biathlon, freestyle and grass ski teams, with their own very high standards of perform-

Tom Fitzpatrick, as chairman Tom Fitzpatrick, as chairman of the BSF, deserves every support in working to resolve some of the continuing problems of British skiing, notably in fund-raising for the teams. But those problems need to be identified correctly and sympathetically; and, while I, as a founder member and previous chairman of the federation, see chairman of the federation, see plenty for your reporter to criocize in the past, your reader-ship perhaps deserves to know that there was at least some good

and some good forwardthinking — as well.

almost disappeared: that there are a number of "first-class" sides whose playing records consistently fail to justify such Yours sincerely, ALAN BLACKSHAW, 4 St George's Square, SW1. grading; and a number of "sec-ond-class" clubs whose steady Refereeing lesson

From Mr R. W. F. Sampson Sir, I was very pleased to see that your Rugby Correspondent, David Hands, twice praised the referee Mr Clive Norting (December 7 and 8) for his handling of the Oxford and Cambridge University match. Cambridge University match.
Rugby enthusiasts will recollect that in last season's home From Ms Sanah Knight
Sir, Are we so afraid of excellence? If England has insufficient "home-grown" topclass cricketers, surely there is
no reason to object to a fillip
from abroad?

Were the TCCB to reduce the
qualifying period of overseas
players from seven years to four,
in order for them to achieve
Test stains, they would still not bad refereing decisions were made, and two of the results might for these errors have gone the other way. Only one inter-national match finished without controversial refereeing and that

was the one refereed by Mr Norling.
During the University match cameras showed Mr Norling to be right on the spot when two crucial decisions involving crucial decisions involving scores had to be made. The cameras also showed Mr Norling to be as breathless and as fit as all the perspiring

players.
The various Rugby Unions would do well to produce an edited version of the television film in question to use as a "teach-in" not only for up-and-coming international referees but also for the tried ones.

Yours truly, R. W. F. SAMPSON, Dinnet,

Hazelmere Road Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire. From Mr K. C. Evans

Sir, In this period of further controversy about the organiza-tion and control of education, particularly of secondary schools, various statistically based claims are made in support of change.
Surely the composition of the Oxford and Cambridge teams in

the Varsity rugby match war-rants a place in the argument. Of the 30 young men who took the field at Twickenham last week, I count eight from comprehensive secondary sch-ools - seven from South Wales Bearing in mind that a further eight players (mainly for Ox-ford) were educated outside the

UK, the proportion is surely very encouraging, particularly for the Welsh education "status quo". Yours faithfully, K.C. EVANS, Pen y Lan, Cowbridge, South Giamorgan.

Time to call a cricketing truce legislation ban the bumper as in the one-day game, and as should have been the case in 1932.

Oh for that peace! There'll be

hlue birds over the white cliffs of

Dover and Sydney. Old schools will win again and crowds flock

back to the gracious game.

Come, dear Old Mother
Country, can't you help us all?
Yours faithfully,
BRUCE R. MILES,

From Mr Ralph Barnes Sir, John Woodcock's report from Perth (December 5), in

which he wrote that the game was marred when Geoff Law-son, Australia's No. 10 bats-

man, was carried off on a stretcher after being struck on the face by a ball bowled by

Curtly Ambrose, is yet another reminder that the game is becoming less attractive as a

It is time for the cricket

authorities to demonstrate that bodyline bowling, intended or

otherwise, is not cricket and the offending bowlers should be

penalized.
The umpires should be em-

a points system the offenders who, after receiving a number of

allows us to accommodate twice

as many wheelchairs, with attendants, as previously. It provides a superb view of play,

probably unmatched in any comparable stadium. We were

able to build the enclosure

through the generous assistance of the Wooden Spoon Society.

The unveiling ceremony was shown live on BBC1 Grand-stand and brief mention of it has

been made in most daily

Yours sincerely, DUDLEY WOOD,

Secretary, Rugby Football

animal-digging problem on his local golf course might wish to try a round at Royal North Devon (Westward Ho!) where conditions have always been—

conditions have always been—
and still are—as nature intended golf to he played.
Grazing rights for sheep and
horses and unlimited public
access are shared with the
golfers. Thus hoof marks, animal digging and other natural
and artificial obstacles are al-

ways present, both in and out of hazards. When a ball comes to

rest in a hazrd, players occa-

sionally have to gently shoo away a sheep before playing their shot.

Mr Browning may wish to know that the committee of Royal North Devon have antici-

pated at least one of his prob-lems. A local rule allows a player

(other than in a hazard) to move and clean a ball without penalty

should it come to rest on

Yours, TONY SMAILES,

Well Cottage,

powered to warn and

series of matches.

Yours faithfully, RALPH BARNES,

81 Windsor Court,

Chase Side, Southgate, N14.

213 Clarence Street, Sydney, Australia.

From Mr Bruce Robert Miles
Sir, Is it not time for cricket to
declare peace? Non-cricket
historians record the Thirty
Years War. Cricket beats that
hollow. It is 56 years since the
Rodyline Barrage began here in Bodyline Barrage began here in Sydney and the battle still rages. The nations have changed but the parties and the purpose are constant; the bowler attacks the head of the player.

Everyone must be sick of it, except perhaps Captain Vivian's

winning West Indians. Remem ber though, Captain Vivian, even Alex the Tough wept when there were no more worlds to

The trouble with the Cricket War, as with all others, is that there are those who physically fight and they who, at remote distances, plan. The board rooms are full of Siegfried Sassoons, cheery generals and air force motivators "Press Home the Attack! Go in Low! We shan't be there!" An additional problem is that the super-powers are riddled with con-The teams include of course, not only the Alpine team, on to have begun Bodylining, it is which Mr Macleod based his certainly not cricket to stop it when the old school is losing. ause the old school's capac ity to lose is eternal, there is no

reform in sight. Still enough is enough. Can't the superpowers publicly purge their guilt. "We are sorry. We shall not start it again". Can't the West Indians be declared unconditional winners of the Fifty Years War? Can't simple

Disabled provision From the Secretary of the Rugby Football Union

Sir, Our publicity machinery is evidently less effective than we had thought. Mrs Eileen Pearcy has taken the Rugby Football Union to task (December 8) for failing to provide adequate facil-ities at Twickenham for the disabled in wheelchairs.

On November 5 this year, on the occasion of the England v Australia match, Prince Edward unveiled a commemorative plaque at the cutrance to our new wheelchair enclosure. It is in an elevated position, under cover, in the West Stand and it

Digging problem

From Mr B. K. Foster
Sir, Mr Browarigg (December
15) asks if a dog is "a burrowing animal". The following extract from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews' Decisions on the Rules (quoted in the Golfer's Handbook) makes clear that it is not clear that it is not.

Rale 32 74/41/587
Rale 32 74/41/587
Question.— In absence of
any specific Local Rule, can
one obtain relief under Rule 32, from a hole or a pit made by stray dog or other stray animal which does not fall in the category of "burrowing

animal"?

Answer.— Rule 32 provides retief from a hole, cast or runway, made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird; dictionaries define a bird; dictionantes derine a burrow, primarily, as "a hole made for a dwelling-place by rabbits, foxes, etc." A dog is not, therefore, a burrowing animal, and a hole made by a dog does not come within Rule 32. In the same way the hoof mark of horses or other

Brownrigg. Yours faithfully, BRYAN FOSTER,

From Mr A. A. Smailes

Ashby Lane, Bitteswell,

Westleigh, Bideford, Devon. animals do not come. Sporting slavery When I was a more active golfer than I am now, I regarded myself as being something of an From Dr Brennig James Sir, Stephen Hendry's comexpert on the rules; and I guarded against the unpopularments (December 6) about being bored in the World Matchplay ity which such people usually snooker tournament are, if anything, compounded by Denis Taylor's remarks about the suffer by always ruling in favour of the claimant. Thus in Mr frownrigg's case I would have found fox droppings in the vicinity, which is a question of fact, on which matters the R & A Committee have no jurisdiction. Be that as it work is more in the committee of the committee of the committee have no jurisdiction. financial reward. People working in boring jobs fel the greatest sympathy for those trapped into tion. Be that as it may it is my experience that it is the golfers themselves who leave more holes in bunkers than any other

sympathy for those trapped into lengthy participation in even more boring sports.

The amateur and professional slavery which is inflicted on sportsmen is as socially disgraceful as the use of child labour in the coal mines. Just as there are limitations on house of I lay the blame for suggesting there are limitations on hours of work there should also be limitations on play. that gamekeepers normally guard the course on your key-board operator rather than Mr Yours sincerely, B. JAMES,

Cherry Orchard, Marlow Common

by fax to 01-782 5046

England on target for final despite New Zealand loss

From Carol Salmon, Melbourne

England lost their second Shell Bioentennial women's World Cup match when they went down by five wickets to New Zealand here yesterday. Victory over The Netherlands

tomorrow is essential if England are to take their place in the final on Sunday against Australia. It was a poor all-round performance from England and New Zealand thoroughly deserved what was only their second one-day win over their old adversaries. The first was a rain-affected

victory in the 1973 World Cup in England. Debbie Hockley, the former New Zealand captain, master-minded this Kiwi win with a fine unbeaten 50 from 132

deliveries. Chasing England's unsatisfactory 177, New Zealand passed 50 in the thirteenth over and won with three overs to spare.
The match was reduced to a 58contest by the time

restriction.
Ingrid Jagersma, the wicketkeeper, took the long handle to the faltering England attack in the closing stages, hitting six boundaries in a 45-ball unbeaten 37.
To ruh salt into England's wounds, they lost talented allrounder, Karen Hicken, with a damaged right thumb.
The picture lonked rosy for

The picture lonked rosy for England when Carole Hodges and Wendy Watson posted their third successive 50-run opening partnership. But Watson de-parted second wicket down with the score at 100 and then followed a regular procession to

CRICKET

Few England players ephanced their reputations on a hor Melbourne day. Australia, however, revelled in the hear, roasting The Netherlands for their fourth 250-plus deficit in

seven matches. Ruth Buckstein completed her second century off the weary Dutch attack as Australia completed a 173-nun win.

Nya Dw Hockley
Aspinel not out
Smith run out
Extras (b4, ib7, w9, nb3)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-100, 3-112, 4-128, 5-145, 6-157, 7-64, 6-168, 9-171, 10-177.

NEW ZEALAND

J Churk et Nye b Hodges ...
N J Turner c Nye b Lovelt ...
O A Hoddey not out
K B Bond no out
L J Merdoch run out
K v Gurn bw Aspirali
I C P Jagersma not not
Estras (b1, &51, w9, nb6) Total (5 wids) 178

B J Legg, J A Turner, S R M Morris and C A Campbell clid not bet. A Campbell clid not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-75, 3-85, 4128, 5-128,
BOWLING: J Aspirell 11-2-38-1; G Smith
8-0-37-0; C Hodges 12-1-35-1; K Hicken
2.1-1-3-0; J British 5-0-2-0; P Lovell 12-825-1; S Kitson 6-0-24-0; J Chembertsin 30-14-0.

Qadir's repertoire used to full to halt Academy innings fell apart, mostly through three further run-outs.

Adelaide (Reuter) — Abdul Qadir, using his full range of attacking skills, took four for 73 yesterday to help Pakistan to a 67-run win over the Australian Oricket Academy, an institution offering scholarships to promising players. The 100-over game was the first proving ground for the Academy.

The Academy were given a splendid start by Williams and Cox, who put on 177 for the first-wicket before Williams was run out four runs short of his century. Parker, the captain, maintained the momentum with an attractive 70 but when he was stumped off Qadir the

PAKISTANES: 366 for 9 (100 overs) (Saleem Yousuf 102, Jeved Mindad 57). (Salsem Yousuf 102, Jeved Minnded 57
AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ACADEMY
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-177, 2-179, 3-240, 4-246, 6-250, 6-252, 7-262, 8-299, 9-299. BOWLING: Imma 15-3-96-1; Alvaen 10.1-2-86-0; Kennel 64-35-0; Muchaszar 14.5-25-1-0; Cacier 26-3-73-4; Tauseef 24.3-4-62-1.

India in West Indies

West Indians with English counries and league clubs will miss nearly times weeks of the new season next spring because In-dia's tour of the Caribbean does not end until early May (Richard Streeton writes). India will play four Test matches, four other first-class games and five one-day internationals during their visit.

Ter V priogress At lest series a Analysis for fourth one-day international (St John's); 21; fifth one-day international (Seorge-town); 23-28; first Test (George-town); 31-April 5; account Test (Bridgetown); 7-10; v Opponents to be arranged (Arros Vale, St Vincent); 13-16; third Test (Port of Spein); 22-25; v Jemaica (Kingston); 28-May 3;

HOCKEY

St Albans victory questions system

St Albans qualified for the last-32 stage of the Royal Bank national indoor club champ-ionship after winning all three matches at Kelsey Kerridge Hall, Cambridge, on Tuesday night in a round-robin series with Cambridge City, Chelms-ford, and Norfolk Wanderers. The main scorers for St

The main scorers for St Albans were Jennings. Rowley and Halliday, with Grimley offering valuable support in a series which was won so easily as to raise the question of why St Albans, last year's champions, were made to qualify. The system is expected to be under review for next season. review for next season. The four earlier qualifiers from the East rounds were Old Loughtonians, ords, West Herts and Peterborough_ The overall field of 32 will be

reduced to eight after eliminat-ing matches are played at four different centres on February 5. These eight surviving clubs will take part in the final stages of the competition at Crystal Palace on February 24.

February 24.

At Crystal Palace on Tuesday night, Southgate achieved an exciting 9-7 victory over Old Loughtonians in the Buttermen Indoor League despite the absence of Kerly, who was resting, and Nick Clark, who was ill. Donnelly scored five goals for Southgate and Jagdish Barber four. Nick Thompson, celebrating his call-up to the antional ing his call-up to the national indoor training squad, scored four times for Old Loughtonians and Halls twice. The remaining goal was scored by Camilleri.

Old Loughtonians shot into a 2-0 lead but at half-time Southgate led 5-3 and later 6-3 before Old Loughtonians levelled at 6-6. In the last three minutes, Southgate scored three quick goals to which Old Loughtonians replied once. In the earlier match, East Grinstead defeated Bromley 8-4. This was a fairly even contest until half-time but after the resumption of play. Bromley could not contain play, Bromley could not contain a fierce East Grinstead onslaught led by Richard Leman, who scored seven of their eight

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL ENDOOR CUP CHAMPIONSHIP: East qualitying rounds Cembridge City 2, Chalmstord 3, St Abars 11. Norfolk Wanderers 0; Norfolk Wanderers 4, Cambridge City 5; Chelms-ford 2, St Abans 8; Norfolk Wanderers 4, Chelmsford 5; St Abans 11, Cambridge City 3. City 3.
BUTTERMEN INDOOR LEAGUE: East Grinstead 8, Brominy 4; Old Loughtonians 7, Southgate 9.

O Jon Potter, Kerly and Rob

Thompson have withdrawn from the England indoor trainat Aldenham School and will not be considered for the HDM tournament at The Hague on January 14 and 15, nor for the home country's indoor tour-nament at Glasgow (January 21 and 22). Their places are taken by Maskery (Slough) John Poly by Maskery (Slough), John Roberts (Stourport) and Bolland (Wakefield).

St Albans are to play in a tournament at De Kieviten in The Netherlands on December and 30 and also in the Glenfiddich international tour-

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Where the game of football still has a good name as it flaunts the badge of non-violence

Swedish message of hope to Europe

From David Miller Stockholm

Sweden is likely to be nominated as host for the 1991 European championship finals at tomorrow's execstive board meeting of UEFA. It is strongly recommended by the organizing committee. The only other candidate is Spain.

If successful, and with the expectation of reaching the World Cup finals in Italy in 1990, the Swedish FA will stage an invitation tournament in 1991 similar to that in West Germany last year. England will probably be invited to it. As reported in these columns two days ago, the Swedish FA is confident of staging any match against England without trouble on the principle of selling no visitors' tickets.

It is 30 years since Sweden, with Hanrin and Skopland on the wings and the 38-year-old Gren is mid-field, reached the World Cup final at home against Brazil; and, a year later, inflicted England's second foreign defeat at Wembley up to that Olympic tournament in London, with the famous Liedholm and others, beating Yugoslavia 3-1. Success on the football field is not

new; yet the development within club football, particularly in Malmo and Gothenburg, is such that the Swedes nowadays believe they can live with the best at any level in any match. As the teams waited to be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the guest of honour at the recent World Cap qualifying tie at Wembley which proved to be such an emburrassment for Bobby Robson, the Swedish players, anything but overawed, were impatiently saying to each other: "Come on, let's

Lennart Johannson, the chairman of the Swedish FA, has taken retirement at 58 to devote himself full-time to handling what he re-gards as the essential four fronts of day-to-day responsibility: the vari-ous international teams, relations with media and spensors and grass-

"We know we have an

midwinter break from October to April can make it difficult for us in cup ties. That is why we have 2 programme for building full-size indeor halls."

Sweden already has three such full-size covered pitches and will have two more next year, with an eventual aim of 10. With limited speciator accommodation, each hall costs "only" £5 million. One con-sequence is that Sweden is able to have an indoor league for its first division of 12 clubs and to play international winter matches against Finland, Norway and, next year, the Soviet Union.

The prime advantage which the country has, with its vast spaces and small population of 8.3 million, is that land is readily accessible. Sites for the indoor stadiums are given free by local communities and building costs are subsidized by a range of shops, offices and hotels. Running costs are paid by the local

has 500,000 players,

100,000, or 25 per cent, over the past 20 years. This growth has come in spite of similar development in most other sports, such as tennis, golf, skiing and, a Nordic speciality, orienteering. The growth is ex-couraged by the allocation of a quarter of the Swedish FA's annual expenditure budget of £7 million to

schools and youth teachers. Although, as in many countries, ectator attendances at football have declined — by 50 per cent over 10 years — it has remained level in Sweden over the last three years and continuing success in the World Cup will expectedly bring an upsurge

Johansson admits that while it is hoped to stage a highly successful and profitable European champ-ionship, Sweden could not contemplate another World Cup, with the expansion from 16 to 24 finalists. Those of us who recall the 1958 finals, the last of the "friendly World Cups, with the almost rural charm of Sweden's small cities, will be delighted to be returning. With no sporting tax, the Swedish FA has

income to that from the West German finals this year, in spite of smaller crowds and lower ticket

Sweden's other contribution to the international game is a fair-play campaign on which they are spending £2 million over two years. "Because we don't have violence here in sport at the moment, it does

says. "Wa have to confront the

not mean we never will," John

problem before it arises." Everyone is familiar with the impeccable behaviour of Swedish tennis players. It is the same in other sports. Part of their campaign is the distribution of yellow lapel badges signifying a commitment against violence. That would have been a nice idea for the Football League instead of throwing all that money in their centenary year in the

David Miller will be reporting on the revolution in Swedish sport in a

From there, it seemed the match

would remain in limbo until

Lady Luck finally put on a Dark Blue shirt.

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Cyros CS, Percenth and University), P. Woolner (Witsbert GS and Onei), C Evenna, Chango University and Worcester), M. Crawley (Manychester' GS and Orle), captaint, R. Morris (Yagot Dyfflyn Corwey, Lienwest and Orle), (Fathilase (St Francis Xavier, Liverpool and Pembroke), O George (Altrinchem GS and Herstord), C Zia (Manchester GS and St Anneis), D. Goldle (Glaegow University and Wacham), A Mitchell (Sovenosis and New Colloge).

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Hall and St Catherine's).
Refereer 8 Bell (West Ridling).

Port Vale are

forced to

Sunday switch

The FA has ordered Port Vale to play their third round FA Cup

ne against Norwich City on

January 8 to avoid clashing with Stoke City's third round home

tie against Crystal Palace on the

The ruling was based on a request from the Staffordshire police, but Derek Barber, the Port Vale secretary, who was hoping for a 20,000 crowd, said:

"There is no doubt this will affect our gate."

Crewe Alexandra have agreed to a police request to bring their home tie against Aston Villa forward to noon.

· Aldershot and Bristol City

RUGBY UNION

Navy regain pride with lesson in handling skills

Hampshire.

The services championship last season was not a happy arena for the Royal Navy, who were beaten in both their matches. Several distinguished sailors were nearing the end of their careers and this season sees a new generation making their way from the successful under-

Yesterday's XV at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, included only three players who have appeared in the championship but there was a cheerful enthusinsm about the rest which boded well, if not for this season, then for a couple nf years' time. The Navy won by two goals, three tries and three penalty goals to two tries, going away from a Hampshire side based upon Havam, the South-

ern area League club. It was an object lesson in how to succeed without dominating either the set-pieces or the masts. The Navy huils soundly upon the skilful activity of their back row and the ball-playing ability of their front five for-wards. They also possessed, in Fletcher, a centre with the confidence in make a successful break, and handling ability way beyond their opponents.

The best illustration of this was their first try when Pocklington, a zestful full back, was freed and laid on a well-

time that good handling permit-ted the Navy to make bendway while Hampshire's tirting was all awry and they had regrettable difficulties retaining the ball in the tackle.

The Navy led 13-4 at the interval on a calm, mild after-noon. McLean levelled from what looked suspiciously like a forward pass but Armstrong, whn distinguished himself in the Navy Cup final on the same ground last week, restored a lead they were not to lose again.
Place kicking an both sides was
inaccurate hur Marthews
stabbed over a penalty before the interval and two more afterwards.

Fletcher collected Over's chip ahead for his first try and profited from the drive nf his flankers for n second as Hampshire struggled to contain the rampant home side in the final

SCORERS: Royal Navy: Tries: Petcher (2). Over, Armstrong, Shation, Conventiones Matthews (2). Penanties: Matthews (3). Heapshire: Tries: McLasn. Griffitis. ROYAL NAVY: PO J Pocklageed (Collingwood). PO E Ower (Collingwood). PO A Reabert (Definers), WEA I Fancher (Bristol). Lif E Glob (RNEC): WEM S Matthews (Ospray), LPT Tempey (Dryad). PO We J Heat (6 In C 1 Nav Home. capt). Cpt & Matthews (Corpsy), LPT Tempey (Dryad). PO We J Heat (6 In C 1 Nav Home. capt). Cpt & Matthews (CTCRM). MEIn n Fex (Flovial Arthur), Lif & Sweet (CTCRM) Sig S Hacklow (RM Poole), After & Armstrong (42 Commando RM). WEA M Shelton (Nav Poole), After & Armstrong (42 Commando RM). WEA M Shelton (PMP). LAEM II Philipoti (Ospray) HAMPSHIRE (Hawant university Scortmarpsport).

Instonians' run ended

Instonians, who supply three players for the final Irish trial at Lansdowne Road on Saturday and beaten for the first time in the League last weekend, were eliminated from the Smithwick's Natural Constantial Smithwick's Beston Cap semi-final by Ban-gor under floodlights at Uprichard Park on Tuesday

an emphatic victory by a goal, two tries, one dropped goal and one penalty to two penalties. Two penalties by Picken in the first half either side of a try me must pair enner side of a fry from Campbell and an Elliott dropped goal had instomians trailing by only one point at half-time. But they wilted in the second period conceding 13

scored tries, one of which Elliott converted as well as landing a

penalty. Bangor will meet NIFC, conquerers of Instonians at the weekend, in what promises to be a rousing final next Tuesday night at the same venue.

• The Irish selectors have added the names of Hugo MacNeill and Jim Staples, both ments panel for Saturday's final ments paner for Saturday's times trial at Lansdowne Road. MacNeill has returned from a six months' business sofourn in the United States, while Staples, who is equally at home on the wing or at full back, played for Connacht this season.

Dungannon lock-forward, who had treatment in hospital at the weekend for an aggravated ham-string injury, will not make a decision on his fitness for the trial matil tomorrow.

Although the high prize-money at Grenoble has lured

Pierre Durand, the Olympic individual gold medal winner,

the Olympia championships have a powerful foreign entry, beaded by the West Germans, Franke Sloothaak and Walzer

For Jeff MeVean, of Austra-

lia, Olympia will be his farewell to the British public. McVean,

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker pursues driving ambition

By Jenny MacArthur

John Whitaker, the winner of a Thomas Fuchs, the Swiss rider, Volvo car to the Brussels Show and the one person whn could Jumping World Cup qualifier beat Whitaker for the Jeep. last Monday, has the chance to win two more cars to as many days in separate shows this

On Saturday he will ride Next Milton in the World Cup quali-fier at the Olympia championships, which start today. On Sunday he competes on Next Gammon in the final of the Renault Jump competition at the Grenoble show in France. The prize at Olympia is a Volvo car and, at Grenoble, a Chero-kee Jeep, Whitaker will return to Olympia on Monday to ride in the £18,000 Crosse and Black-

well Grand Prix.
On form, Whitaker has a good chance of winning both cars.
Next Milton has had an outstanding autumn scason, winning more than £50,000 in addition to the Valvo in Brussels and a Mercedes at the Stuttgart show last month.

Next Gammon is proving an increasingly useful back-up horse. He competed in Brussels

been given a lift to Grenoble by

one of the most popular riders on the circuit, has been based in Gloucestershire for 11 years but has decided to give up show jumping and start work at a racing stud in New Zealand. The 20 top British riders at Olympia include the Olympic quartet — David Broome, Nick Skelton, Joe Turi and Malcolm

Koenig.

Pyrah.

The five-day show, which contains its usual festive mix of top-class show jumping and Christmas entertainment, opens tonight with a gala evening for The Royal Association in Aid of Deaf People.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Capital investment The blueprint for the expansion Johnson's appointment

The blueprint for the expansion of the amateur game took a big step forward yesterday with the announcement of n national development officer for the London' region of the Rrinish Amateur Rugby League Association (Kesth Macklin writes). He is Ken Johnson, aged 32, a schoolteacher and n qualified rugby league coach with the Hornsey Lambs.

One of his first tasks will be to

One of his first tasks will be to take a London team to The Netherlands at Easter to take round tie. The winners are at part in a four-nations

Johnson's appointment is one of the most significant in the short history of BARLA. Evi-dence of the progress of the amateur game in the capital is highlighted by the fact that a record entry of 10 clubs, from the London League, will take part in the first round of the National Cup this weekend.

Bob Ashby, the chairman of the Rugby League board of directors, said: "Success in the capital will provide the springboard which will take the game into the 1990s."

Work permit problems may hinder Czech pair

covers non-amateur players.

have been negotiating with the players' clnb, Slavia Prague.

This has not happened. The

players have just disappeared

without any proper authority and we have explained all this

in our letter to the English FA,

a copy of which has also been

Arthur Cox, the Derby man-

ager, said yesterday: "If everything goes sweetly, as we hope,

it will still be September at the

earliest before we can play

received a video of them in

action. Both have excellent

scoring records for club and

Kubic, aged 24, and Knoflicek, aged 28, made their break to the West while on a

pre-season tour to West Ger-

many in August. They are in

islation, he would not be

However, after the news of

his defection with Kubic be-

managing director, set up a meeting in Brussels with Bata.

sent to FIFA."

This stipulates they should

The Football Association is should be registered because they are not amateurs. Derby later this week before giving official clearance to Derby instead of Rule 14, which covers non-amateur players. County's signing of the two Czechoslovak internationals, Lubos Kubic and Ivo Knof-

> "The signing of defectors is new ground for us," an FA spokesman said yesterday.
> "While it is becoming almost commonplace in other parts of Europe to accept players from the Eastern bloc who have left in this way, we

are in order before we officially give approval." Although Derby believe they have succeeded in getting their men, there are political and administrative problems

want to be certain all aspects

standing in the way. On the work permit issue the Home Office said that since the pair had been granted political asylum in Spain there was "no rationale" in their being given

asylum in Britain. The Department of the Environment said no work

Derby had originally made
permits would be issued for an official enquiry to the
the players unless the question Czechoslovakian National of residency has been sorted out and for that to happen they would need political

Another difficulty is whether the players are ama-available for another three icur or professional. The FA years. said: "One point we wish to clear up is whether FIFA are prepared to accept that these

two players are, in fact, amaicurs." The Czechoslovak FA has protested strongly that the players are designated non-

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Second round replays: Setmon. City 1, Colchester United 3; Bristol City 0, Aldershot 0 (after extra time). reund: Wasterd 2, Newcastle United 1.
SMESRA VAN TROPHY: Preliminary reund: Neythern section: Crows Alexandra 1. Transcer Rovers 2: Herdepool United 0, York City 2; Huddersfield Town 1, Scanthorpe United 0: Presson North End 4, Bury 0; Rochdelle 0, Wigna Athletic 2: Rotherham United 2. Crosser Gity 2. Beathery section: Wolverhampton Witterferser 5. Port Ville 1. 1 efford 0, Kentering 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Shef-field Wednesdey 3, Coventry 3; Sunder-land 0, Liverpool 2, Second division: Hull 4, Bradford 1.
OVENDER

Whyteleste 1.
HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Prickley 3. Shepened 1; Morecambe 2.
South Liverpool 2: Witton 1. Busdon 1.
BEAZEN HOMES LEAGUE: Westpane
Insulance Cup: Third round, first legs:
Dearbord 3. Westpane Cover 1; Hednestord 1. Burton 4; Moor Green 1. Bedworth 1; Terrworth 2,
Atherstone 1. Biddland division: Spetting
4. Resinden 0. GREAT MILES LEAGUE: Premier di-vision; Swanage and Herston S, Paulton

VALIDHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cap: Third round: Bishop's Stortford 1. Hacopton C: Carthation 2. Woking C: Dorking 2. Kingstorian 1 (act; Staines 4. St Athens 3: Worthing 0. Besting 2. Second division nearly Wottam 1. Barton 2. Second division south: Chartsey 1. Russip Manor 0; Eastbourne United 0, Whyteleste 1. Woherton C.
MRDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Staines 4, Southquie 3. Plant round: Harrow Borough 3, Budtont 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Burnley 1, Leeds 2.
ENGLIGH SCHOOLS BIG TROPHY: Lancashire 1, Cheehire 0; Nottinghamehire 5, Northants 0.

Oxford University ...

Sports Association about the possibility of signing Knoflicek but they were told that under Czechoslovak leg-

his defection with Kubic be-came known, Cox, together with Stuart Webb, the club's frantically by Skelton and

Cambridge University ... 2

Oxford ended a dismal sequence

the Dark Blues that much-prized victory. Eight minutes from time, a 20-yard chip aimed

by Falshaw for the top left-hand

corner took a huge deflection off

Steve Penney, the Northern Ireland winger, is doubtful for next Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match against Spain to Seville because of an ankle injury received in Brighton's second division match at Hull City 13 days ago.

The injury is taking longer than expected to clear up and Penney sayx. "I will not be risking anything by either playing at Portsmouth an Saturday ing at Portsmouth an Saturday or going with the Irish squad if I am not 100 per cent fit."

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Warning for Palace

Crystal Palace players were told by police they faced arrest if they continued to use obscene language during their Simod Cup win over Southampton at The Dell on Toesday night.

Laspectur Alastaic McWhirter, of Shirley police in Southampton, said: "There was only a small crowd there so it was easy for the public to hear

wanted by Swansea City. Phil-lips has had talks with the manager of the third division club, Terry Yorath,

Fallen idol: Calloway, the Oxford goalkeeper, concedes an own goal during the University match at Highbury yesterday

Lady Luck clad in Dark Blue

just before the war, made of it own goal.

all I do not know. Fourth to From his position to the

just before the war, made of at all, I do not know. Fourth to third division standard, he estimated. He was being generous.

Only the Cambridge captain, Colly, who had 40 years previously kept goal for Pegasus to their triumphant first FA Cup tie would have wept silently.

tie, must have wept silently.

Formmately, two minutes car-lier, Oxford had taken the lead,

Mitchell poking home a low eross from George. But

Calloway's calamitous start could have cost Oxford even

A four-man consortium has affered to buy out the board of directors at Burnley. The four say that if they are successful they will guarantee to sell the shares back to the present

Stewart Phillips, the West Bromwich Albion forward, is

directors at a reduced price if the club fails to win promotion within 18 months. SKIING

meet for the third time nn Tuesday nt the Recreation Ground to settle their second Hartleppol.

Blizzards halt World Cup action again

two women's downhill races

(Ian Macleod writes). races rescheduled.

here should have taken place last weekend in Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

beavy snow.

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FOOTBALL Hulme raise the pace in second half

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SCHOOLS

Hinime GS defeated Manchester GS 3-0 in the final of the Independent Schools six-a-side tournament at Brentwood yesterday (George Chesterton

Manchester, the bolders, pressed forward in the first half to try to upset the disciplined Huime team but without success. After the interval, Hulme, who had saved their energy in a comfortable semi-final win over Repton, raised the tempo, Aston scoring from n free kick, Higgin-son adding a second and Payton

the third with right-feoted Wolverhampton GS defeated QEGS Blackburn 2-1 in the final



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FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY TIONAL (Uppeale): Sweden S, West Britanany I.
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BOBSLEIGHING SARASEVO: World Cup becomes com-position: Leaders after first two value: 1, Switzerland I, Trife 41,32mc; 2, East Ger-meny I, 1-42,00; 3, Soviet Union I, 1-42-22; 11, Great Bittain I, 1-43,50; 14, Great Brhain II, 1-44,03. BOWLS

CESSOROLIGHE Cockney Climate transment Quertur-dress: 8 Pictions (Berland) by A Masson (Tyo Green), 7-6, 3-7, 7-2.7 Cocks (Wessetzingers, Resembling to P. Rogers (Cambridge Perk, Twickenterin, 7-4, 7-5; Cottes to Pictions, 7-3, 7-7-2. Semi-dress K. Smith (Desportugin) by Cottle, 7-1, 7-8.

COUNTY MATCH: Sufficient 124, Middlessex 134. GLASCOW: Vacant Scotlish wellerweigh championship: Dave McCabe (Glasgow) i Granne Graffn (Corty), to 2nd.

Kingsholm stand Gloucester Council has granted planning permission to the righty union club to build a two-tier £250,000 stand with 14 hospitality boxes at Kingsholm

Dickie dropped Rnbert Dickie, the former World Boxing Council super-featherweight champion, has been dropped by Colin Breen, his manager, for not training.

Altenmarkt - The weather-disrupted World Cup circuit suffered another blow here to Austria yesterday, when strong winds and heavy snow forced the postponement of the first of

This is the latest chapter in an already woeful winter's tale which has seen a number of Two of the three races due

Racing prospects do not look good. The forecast is not encouraging and, late yesterday afternoon, this seemed to be borne out by the continuous

There was the option of adding another day to the programme. But the influence of television soon scuppered that

Hudson. broke the deadlock when Evans headed home a free kick from 15 The moment summed up the It was suggested that the two match, which veered rapidly players should return to from the crazy to the comical yards, but as to the first-balf that from the crazy to the comical and back, with only a passing glance being given to skill. Quite what Jack Lee, who played to moment of strength proved their moment of greatest weakgories they operate.

Rudolf Bata, its secretary, said in Prague last night: "We do not agree that these players wanting to return home.

The property operate and trom there be officially loaned to Derby, but they were apparation to the Varsity match at Highbury t Penney is doubtful for Irish

bridge league player was.

In recent years, Oxford have been haunted by goalkeeping errors and they were again after just seven minutes. Calloway,

more dearly. In the tenth minute, he was hopelessly slow off his line as Goldie nipped in to head against the post.
In the 62nd minute, Oxford players and no one could remember who the last Ox-

generosity to go with his strength and skill, and Evans, of

Oxford, a New Zealand World Cup player, would have seemed at hame at Bury or Halifax. The

rest, bless them, were amateurs

- and not particularly gifted, either. But then, the Univer-sities have long since ceased to

pretend they are the training ground even for decent amateur

Pakistan increase England's sense of world isolation

there was no way that Paki-

who, as chairman of the

The new Pakistan Govern-

ment, led by Benazir Bhutto,

whose People's Pakistan Party

are strongly anti-South Africa,

were not directly involved but

about Pakistan meeting Eng-

land on their substitute tour.

clearly felt that was not suf-

As fines go, it is not a particularly hefty one - Mike

Gatting was fined £5,000 for

being in breach of contract

imposed by the TCCB, Chris Old having been fined £2,000

for a criticial newspaper arti-

However, the Disciplinary

into account the fact that

Cowdrey was not paid for

talking to The Sun. Gatting,

on the other hand, will have

made a very tidy sum out of his

guilty of a breach of contract

Cowdrey accepted he was

autobiography.

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tion to follow later.

actions", he said.

England's growing isolation in ficials and had only agreed world cricket worsened yesterday when Pakistan announced that they did not wish to play them in the oneday tournament receotly planned to take place in New Zealand during March.

Referring to the South African links of Gooch and other England players, a Pakistan cricket board statement issued in Karachi said that "playing against such a team is contrary to the Pakistan stand in ioteroational,

The Pakistan statement stunned Test and County Cricket Board officials at Lord's. They pointed out that only a fortnight ago the Pakistanis had agreed to vary their New Zealand itinerary when the local board agreed to accommodate England there on a substitute tour, following the abandonment of England's

Alan Smith, the chief execotive of the TCCB, said last oight they would be approaching New Zealand officials as soon as possible.

"If it is not possible to stick to the original programme, or revise it so that our visit can still include two Tests and a reasonable number of one-day matches, it simply may oot be

A senior Pakistan cricket official claimed later in Karachi that they had never had any cootact with TCCB of-

The Disciplinary Committee

of the Test and County Cricket

Board (TCCB) yesterday imposed a fine of £500 oo

Christopher Cowdrey for

derogatory comments be made

about the England selectors

and management which were

published in The Sun news-

paper in September, shortly

after he lost the England

The TCCB does not permit

a cricketer to make public

statements, or more to the

without their consent or that of

the player's county. At the

beginning of each season,

every player signs a declara-tion to the effect that he knows

and understands all the

regulations appertaining to playing first-class cricket. This is supported by the players body, the Cricketers'

Disciplinary Committee

regulations are sometimes

forgotten in off-guarded mo-

ments several months later.

Cowdrey was cautioned by his

captaincy.

Association.

ficial decision was conveyed to the New Zealand Cricket tentatively with New Zealand to participate in matches with Council by telex. It is believed the New Zealand authorities England, with final confirmareplied asking Pakistan to As far as Pakistan were change their mind and that concerned, the suggested tourthis reply was not answered.

nament had been deliberately kept secret for as long as Pakistan did stress to New Zealand, however, that they possible while "we took soundings and tested rewished their own tour to New Zealand, which includes three Test matches and three one-"Once the New Zealand day internationals, to take Foreign Minister launched his widely reported, scathing atplace as originally scheduled.

closed that the Pakistan board tacks on the England visit, president personally called off the tour, said he had been in touch with Intikhab Alam, the stan would behave contrary to our known principals about apartheid and people with South African links." Pakistan team manager in Australia, where they are currently playing, and had been told that the Pakistan players had met and were against It is understood that the final decision, that Pakistan should have no truck with the having fixtures with England.

The same official, who dis-

visiting England team, was taken on Monday by the Pakistan board president, Lt-Gen Zahiid Ali Akbar Khan, "The Pakistan players were concerned at the various threats being made by apartheid protesters to disrupt the Pakistan Water and Power matches. Nobody oeeds reminding how the South Development Authority, also holds a senior Government African rugby players were treated there by dem-onstrators in 1981, with flour bombs dropped from aeroplanes and so on. It just would not have been worthwhile quite apart from the principals n volved," he said.

almost certainly applied pres-For the England cricket There has also been growing authorities, this latest setback criticism in Pakistani newsin their efforts to find some papers and by politicians cricket for their beleaguered players is a grim reminder of the uncomfortable time facing them at the International Cricket Conference in Londoo in January when the South African issue will be debated.
Attitudes both in Australia

and New Zealand have hardened in recent weeks, and with the non-white cricket nations already unanimous that there can be no compromise about South African links, Pakistan's latest action was entirely predictable. To many observers it was only surprising that it took so long to become known.

over the publication in his autobiography of his dispute with Shakoor Rana in Paki-stau. That fine was the highest Already in the past few days it has become clear that England's matches in New Zealand, inevitably, will only generate unpleasantness and further ill-will.

Dick Cuthbert, the national treasurer of the New Zealand Halt All Racist Toors organization, has been quoted as saying in Auckland that measures to disrupt England's visit woold include demonstrations at cricket

grounds, airports and hotels. During matches extra cricket balls would be thrown onto the field to disrupt play and that mirrors would be SRU was only following inter-national board guidelines which, among other disclo-sures, insist that players give flashed in the sun to dazzle

and apologized to the TCCB. He would not comment after his hearing at Lord's In Delhi a group of Indian MPs have passed a resolution • The start of the matchcalling oo members of the between MCC and the county New Zealand parliament to champions. Worcestershire, at apply pressure to get En-Lord's has been put back a day gland's visit cancelled.

More cricket, page 40

Olympians to keep to themselves

By Peter Bills

The decision of the British Olympic Associatioo (BOA). not to seek future representation on the other main bodies of British sport has set back plans for a single body to administer sport in Britain in the future.

The news, announced yes-terday by the BOA after its monthly meeting, means that the ideal of a single structure to replace the three existing organizations, the BOA, the Central Counci for Physical Recreation (CCPR) and the Sports Council, is much less

The BOA described its decisioo as "by far the most businesslike approach" open to it. Dick Palmer, the secretary, said: "We feel that the BOA will grow in stature rather than decrease by meeting separately with these bodies rather than just staying on their committees. It is simply a case of making better use of everyone's time.

However, Peter Lawson, general secretary of the CCPR. defended his vision of a single body for British sport. "I hope that what Dick Palmer is saying does not preclude that ideal. Although in a sense I think he is probably right in thinking the BOA has a specific job to do, I always hoped that there could eventually be Brabham and back in grand a general merging into one body with three divisions to prix racing. I knew I could win the title for Jaguar and land a take sport forward."

good Formula One ride for '89. The move paid off." Mary Fitzhenry, for the Sports Council, said it would be sad if the BOA did not have Irish home an input into British sport as a The Football Association of whole. She welcomed the idea Ireland has bought Daly-mount Park in Dublin, "spirof regular meetings. "There is no doubt they have expertise to certain areas we would want itual home" of Irish football. for £600,000 from Bohemians, to tap into," she said. the League of Ireland club.

Shapcott turns professional after cup triumph

THE TIMES



Susan Shapcott, the driving force in the Curtis Cup victory over the United States, will turn professional in the New States, will turn profe Year. Shapcott, aged 19, plans to make her first professional appearance on the

European women's golf tour. Shapcott won the British girls' title in 1985, and made her first senior appearance for England in the same year, when she was 15. The next season she gained her first British cap.

Scotland

centre

banned for

a week

By Alan Lorimer

Scott Hastings, the Scotland

centre and younger brother of Gavin Hastings, the full back,

has been suspended for one

week with effect from yes-terday by the Scottish Rugby

Union (SRU) after playing in the Dubai International Sev-

without seeking its

The SRU stated yesterday

that a panel had been ap-

pointed by the general com-

mittee, which, after interviewing Hastings, ratified

interviewing Hastings, ratified the SRU decision to impose

An SRU spokesman re

Tirmed its position: "All players and indeed teams

playing abroad and vice versa

both the unious involved for all

Yesterday the SRU sec-

retary, Bill Hogg, said that he

had circulated letters to all

Scottish clubs at the beginning

of this season advising them of this matter and added that the

"confirmation that there is no

financial consideration" if

Hogg also stated that the SRU would generally refuse permission for individuals to

play abroad if it meant missing a national league match and

career, has reasserted its au-

The thinking behind what

outwardly seems punitive measures is that the union wants to

ensure that none of its rugby

players contravenes any agree-

ment relating to such issues as apartheid. But perhaps more important, it has in mind the

concept of "the itinerant pro-

fessional" that has become the

label of many antipodeans who

Hastings, who has been capped 12 times for Scotland, will miss the McEwan's inter-

district match against the

Anglo-Scots at Myreside

play their rugby in Europe.

thority over its players.

they are playing abroad.

st seek permission from

the seven-day ban.

tournament last month

She played a leading role in Great Britain and Ireland's second successive victory over the United States at Royal St George's in June. She won three of her four matches in the 11-7 victory. "My ambition is to become a che

in Europe and then the United States if I am good enough," Shapcott said. "Turning professional is the only way to improve and reach that level." Shapcott and the other members of the

Bailey (above, from left: Vicky Bailey, Sesan Shapcott, Linda Bayman, Diane Bailey, Liz Boatman, Jill Thornhill and Julie Wade), yesterday received their. Women Golfer of the Year awards, sponsored by Avia Watches. The presentation was made by Nick

Faldo. The Curtis Cup team had also collected the award for their previous

Urge to compete draws Coe to indoor circuit Sebastian Coe's putative pol-

itical career may take even longer to materialize, since a combination of Olympic disappointment and continued enthusiasm for training will probably prolong his involvement in international athletics until the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand in early 1990.

He said yesterday: "I waited to see how I'd get back into training - I had four weeks off after the Olympics - and I'm really enjoying it. I've no set plans. I'll run four or five indoor races to get ready for the summer grand prix circuit. I'd probably call it a day at the end of next year if the Commoowealth wasn't so close (February). So I'll prob-

ably hang around for that," retired already, had he run his teur Athletic Board after they third Olympic Games, but he denied him the chance of has never woo a Common-defending his double 1,500 wealth title. He missed 1978 metres title, he rejected in preference to the European suggestions yesterday that he

1982 and withdrew, ill, from again. "Evidently, if I was the 1986 800 metres final offered a place at the Enrothe 1986 800 metres final "I'll admit I've been short of racing in the last couple of years. But I was getting back last season. I just rao out of time and goodwill. As for the

indoors, I need the races." Coe's programme will probably be; Genoa on February 1; San Sebastian (where Coe emerged internationally, winning the European indoor 800 metres title in 1977) oo February 10; Stuttgart two days later; The Hague oo February 22, three days after the European championships on the same track, and Sindelfingen, West Germany, oo February

Although Coe is more likely to be sending a Christmas card to Conservative Central Of-Coe would probably have fice than to the British Ama-

pean indoor championships, I would have to consider it." Similar reasons are bringing

Said Aouita scurrying to the indoor circuit, albeit the one in the United States. The Moroccan, who promised much in Seoul but ended with "only" a bronze medal in the 800 metres, will run five races oo the North American grand prix circuit before returning to Europe for the world indoor championships in Budapest from March 3 to 5.

The highlight will probably be the Wanamaker Mile at the Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden, New York, oo February 3, when Eamonn Coghlan, in his last indoor season, will be attempting a record eighth victory. Aouita's other races will be in Fairfax (Abdi Bile's alma mater) on February 5, Meadowlands oo February 10, Los Angeles on February 17, and the TAC

One in the eye from Joe Public

END COLUMN

cry. Tonight the Sports Wrk. Sers' Association of Great Britain will honour Santy Lyle as its Sportsman of the Veer Leet work Stem Peri Year. Last week Steve Davis was the hero when he won the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year award. Lyle was third in the BBC voting and Davis sixth in the writers' pell, bohind Lyle, Adrian Moorhouse, Malcolm Cooper, Linford Christie, and Lloyd Honeyghan. Therein lies a dichot

for in the public's eyes the BBC award is more pres-tigious than the SWA's. Should it perhaps be asked about sport are at times out of touch with public thinking?

The result of the BBC poll engendered howis of disbellef. especially (and not surprisingly) in Scotland. It was also a smack in the eye for all those - some of Britain's most venerated sports writers among them - who believe that snooker is an overgrown pub game and not werthy of mention in the same breath as "real sport".

The BBC award was voted for by thousands of viewers who troubled to fill in their Radio Times coupous. The BBC does not release voting figures "as a matter of policy" but a spokesman said: "Stere won by a long way." Since the great smooker

boom of the late Seventies and early Eighties, some pundits have waited, with almost in-decent anticipation, for the snooker bubble to burst and for the Steve Davises and Jimmy Whites to allow the nation more regular sleeping

Yet snooker has not gone away. With the arrival of a new hero in Stephen Hendry and the occasional rebirth of an old one, such as Doug Mountjoy, it has found a



Davis: people's choice

steady plateau on which to exist in Britain and is rapidly growing in popularity through-

No wonder that other power groups, such as the Inter-national Billiards and Snooker Federation, are attempting to muscle in on the World Pro-fessional Billiards and Snooker Association's virtual monopoly of the professional game. It is neither reasonable nor realistic to say that the public's television viewing habits are not a fair guide to which sports (or games) are "important".

If that is the case, why was so much attention given this summer to football's sage over who would televise the game and how much would they pay for the privilege?

Lyle's achievement in win-ning the United States Masters was magnificent. Yet the BBC's viewing figures, with the event being shown live, peaked at 5.3 million at 10.15 p.m. on the Sunday night and the average was nearer four million.

The world championship of smooker, won by Davis, at-tracted an average of 7.6 million viewers on the final day, a Monday, and during the Tennents United Kingdom snooker final on Sunday, November 27, the BBC had an average of six million viewers for the afternoon session while ITV attracted only a similar number for Newcastie United against Manchester United.

There should be no surprise that Davis won the BBC poll. He had been runner-up in 1981 and 1987 and third is 1984. He may be every grandmother's idea of "a real gentleman" but he is also revered as a sportsman and a credible

Britain by millions of people. Davis's win also squashed another myth. It showed that the British public do love winners, hard-faced or not, and not just these who take

It might also be said that other British sports folk might achiere a great deal more if they took as much care of their fitness and spent as many hours refining their skills as does Davis.

championships, was injured in would oot run for Britain Card concessions are 'not enough'

cards for football supporters did little yesterday to appease the football authorities who still cling to the hope that the Bill will oot get through

would give approval only when Parliament. In response to a report in By disciplining such a high-profile player, the SRU, per-The Times that the Government is examining ways of haps conscions of the ensuring that supporters are ge" caused by four of oot driven away from football, their players taking part in the Bermuda Rugby Union Festi-val before the World Cup last the Football League said: "We might get the proposals wayear, resulting in the virtual ending of John Rutherford's tered down to some degree, to

minimize the inconvenience and mitigate the harmful effect of the scheme." The Football Association, in describing the proposed changes as making "the best of the bad job", remained unconvinced that the scheme would achieve its desired effect of eradicating hooliganism from the game.

The League felt that the concessions mentioned did not go far enough. The possible exemption of children from the scheme, the League thought, merely begged the question: Why just children?" Andy Williamson, a League official, said. "Why not old-

The possibility of some mod- age pensioners, too, or seasoneration in the Government's ticket holders. There is oo plan to introduce identity record of misbehaviour among them, either,"

If the Bill is to become law. and judging by the public outcry and the concern of Conservative backbenchers, it is not a formality, then the League hopes that its in-troduction, which is planned for the spring of 1990, can be deferred. "Perhaps sufficient pressure can be asserted to get the effective date deferred on a welcome any move which continual basis," Williamson said. "If there is any lingering hope that this thing won't proceed then we've got to pursue that alternative."

Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, who is vehemently opposed to identity cards, did at least welcome any alterations that might make it easier for the casual supporter to attend.

United have a membership of 40,000 in their own scheme but this does not exclude nonmembers from attending games. He disagreed with the League that they would have problems processing thousands of temporary members on the day of a game. "We would be geared up to deal with that," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF



Brundle at **Brabham** Martin Brundle has joined the Brabham Formula One team for oext seasoo after winning the world sports car championship for TWR Jaguar with seven victories and minor placings in his 16 other races. Brundle has been in 54 grand prix with the Tyrrell

Leconte: withdraws and Zakspeed teams and said: Tulasne call "I'm delighted to be with

Perth (AP) - Henri Leconte has withdrawn from the Hopman Cup here on December 28 with an ankle injury and is replaced by Thierry Tulasne, another Frenchman.

Vessey move Rupert Vessey, the wing who captained Oxford University

to victory in last week's rugby

union University match, has

joined Northampton.

Vote for Steeb Gothenburg (AFP) - Carl-Uwe Steeb will be West Germany's second singles player alongside Boris Becker for the Davis Cup final against

Sweden starting tomorrow. Snowball dies Elizabeth Alexandra (Betty)

Snowball, who died at Col-

wall, Worcestershire, on Tuesday, aged 82, is widely regarded as England's best woman wicketkeeper after 10 Tests in the 1930s, when she also formed an opening partnership with Myrtle

Drugs denial

Canberra (Reuter) - Lyn' Jones, the head weightlifting coach at the Australian Inallegations he has ever given hammer to crack a nut". anabolic steroids to compet-

championships in New York Moynihan heads off a rebellion

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, appeared last night to have calmed some of the fears of Conservative MPs over the Government's plan to introduce a national football membership scheme by the spring of 1990.

But it was clear, after he had addressed a joint meeting of the Conservative backbench sports and eovironment committees, that the Govern-ment still faces a substantial rebellion over the issue when the Bill introducing the scheme comes before the Commons early next year.

Government whips, worried by indications of a revolt, ensured that supporters of the plan attended last night's meeting. There was a view ithat the opponents had made the running in recent days.

He confirmed, as The

Times reported yesterday, that he is looking at ways of ensuring that the casual sup-porter is not driven from football. The proposals being considered include allowing people to register on the morning of a match, and making exemptions for child-ren and the disabled. Special arrangements are

being considered for executive boxes under which cards would be issued to guests by their hosts, who would then be responsible if they misbehaved.

But he appeared to have been less successful in beating off oppositioo from those opposed to the scheme in principle.

Sir Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, expressed astonishment that the Government had not consulted the federation. Asked what was his main reservation, he said: Sir Rhodes Boyson, from

the right of the party, opposed the scheme as singling out the football supporter for special treatment. From the left, Robstitute of Sport (AIS), denied ert Hicks said it was a "sledge-

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